



Stink about DWP collections

By Harry Walton

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ANGRY residents are kicking up a stink about the smell from a huge pile of uncollected rubbish bags beneath their flats in Weymouth.

Now they have launched a verbal broadside at the "absolute disgrace" of the collection service provided by Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP), the latest attack on the organisation which has just announced it has overspent £2.8 million for the current year.

Bob and Frances Underwood have a holiday flat at Edward Court which, before Weymouth and Portland joined DWP, always saw dustmen collect and haul away rubbish bags from the basement area.

But they claim that the service is now "a load of rubbish" since DWP took it over, and that they have had no rubbish collected since before Christmas because they can't attend their flat on every collection day.

They live in Somerset but stay in Weymouth at

their flat for several days a month although not always on collection days, the couple feeling that they can't ask fellow residents to do the dirty job of taking rubbish bags out for them.

Bob said: "The current service is an absolute disgrace, totally unacceptable.

"The bags in the basement are now starting to smell and this is in the depths of winter. What's it going to be like in summer?"

"If this is improving the environment then someone needs to take a long hard look at the situation. Something must be done because it is becoming a health hazard."

John Kelly is a permanent resident of the flat next door to them and he said: "I put my rubbish bags in the basement store because that's where DWP told us to put them in writing.

"Now it appears they

have decided that unless rubbish bags are on the pavement they won't be picked up.

"That means we now have to put bags out on the pavement the night before collection despite the fact it will further restrict an already narrow pavement. That is without going into the attacks on the bags by rats and seagulls overnight.

"We have been promised seagull-proof bags but none have so far been

delivered and – even if they are – they will still have to go out on the pavement.

"This is a nightmare because DWP is going back on its word about collecting."

All three have talked with Councillor Gill Taylor who is chairman of the council's scrutiny committee which is currently reviewing the DWP operation in Weymouth.

She said: "It would appear that the DWP system works well generally but that there are specific problem

areas and Edward Court on the harbourside is clearly one of them.

"People should be able to have their rubbish collected under the new system as efficiently as under the old system which is not happening here.

"We are looking at all complaints as part of the review and Edward Court will be included."

Mr Kelly added: "DWP has now promised to collect the rubbish bags. We will be keeping an eye on them to make sure they do... permanently."



■ A ROOM with a phew! The balcony is the only place for some rubbish

Council tax could be on the rise

COUNCIL tax payers in Weymouth and Portland could find themselves paying around £35 extra per year for a Band D property for 2015-2016.

The figures depend on whether Dorset County Council, Fire Authority and Police elements – which comprise the lion's share of the overall bill, are completed by a borough proposal to increase its share of the council tax by 1.9 percent which must be ap-

proved by full council on February 26th.

A meeting of Weymouth and Portland management committee, which is recommending the 1.9 percent increase to colleagues, was rocked by the news that Dorset Waste Partnership had announced an extra £491,000 overspend, mainly on vehicle hiring and parts, to £2.8 million.

Finance spokesman Councillor Colin Huckle said this "in-

credible" situation left Weymouth & Portland's budget having to find not only an extra £200,000 towards the overspend but another £100,000 on top of that as a contingency "to cover any other extra unexpected items which may come forward".

Finance director Jason Vaughan said he was "not confident" that DWP figures supplied to him were

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■ FRANCES and Bob Underwood with a pile of basement rubbish bags

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BRIDPORT residents Louise Ramsden and Heather Hamer are the driving force behind the upcoming Bridport Wildcats strike project.

Louise has lived in Bridport for 12 years and works part-time as an administrator/book keeper for an educational and technical software business with her husband Neil. She has also done voluntary work for the Bridport Oxfam shop, Bridport Citizens Advice Bureau and South West Dorset LETS scheme.

Heather moved to Bridport 18 months ago. She previously worked as a medical secretary and teaching basic reading and writing in a Young Offenders institution. She reinvented herself as a songwriter some six years ago and plans to continue writing in Bridport.

● **COULD you tell me a bit more about the 1912 Bridport Wildcats project? What will it involve?**

On Saturday, February 14th at about 10.15am we will gather in Bucky Doo Square, Bridport, in our 1912 costumes and then sing songs, led by our excellent town crier Jane Silver-Corren, just as the original women did, including the Suffragette anthem "Shoulder to Shoulder". We will then march through the streets to Amsafe (the old Gundry's factory) where we will have our photo taken by local female photographer Rachel Dunford in the same place they did in 1912.

Our aim is to highlight this little known aspect of Bridport's social/industrial/women's history, contemporary issues of equality and to have a bit of fun singing and dressing up! In addition we have been really pleased with the many spin-offs inspired by the project - singing, song-writing, a marvelous exhibition of women artists called Cre8 at the Chapel in the Garden and a play written about the women by Maya Peris of Story traders.

You can find out more on our Facebook page Bridport Wildcats 1912 or email ler@neilramsden.co.uk it is not too late if you want to join us.

● **WHAT inspired you both to get involved and organise the 1912 Bridport Wildcats project?**

Louise: I went to a fascinating talk by Carlos Guarita about a local photographer, Clarence Austin. There were some wonderful photographs of women net workers who in February 1912, staged a wildcat (not organised by a union) strike and protested on the streets of Bridport about unfairness at their workplace. The dignity and camaraderie of the women really struck a chord and I thought we could celebrate this spirit by re-staging the photos with modern women in costume.

Heather: Louise told me about the recreating the



photograph and I loved her enthusiasm. I felt I wanted to celebrate the feisty women net-workers of Bridport who stood up to the bosses, and the way the town supported them.

● **ARE you both working on projects apart from the Wildcat strike?**

No, Wildcats is taking up pretty much all of our time at the moment.

● **WHAT do you both like doing in your spare time?**

Louise: I like walking, dancing, swimming and Tai Chi. I also love reading, cryptic crosswords and doing a bit of calligraphy. I am a member of the Bridport Film Society and support Bridport Arts Centre.

Heather: I like reading, walking, writing, visiting the town's coffee shops, researching my own family tree, also researching local history. I also support Bridport Arts Centre. After this project I'm going to take it easy and just enjoy the area for a while - though I'm always open to discovering new projects.

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ects. I was involved (with my ex-partner) in two recording projects last year for Bridport FM - the "Love to Sing" project for local amateur singers, and a collaboration of songs/stories written by the local creative writing group, The Story Traders.

● **WHAT drew you both to the area?**

Louise: We have family in Hampshire and Cornwall and Dorset was a good point in between both. But really it was the sheer beauty of the landscape that drew us to Bridport. We also loved the local shops like Leakers & Fruits of the Earth, we thought it would be a really good place to bring up our children and indeed it has been.

Heather: I have lived in Bridport for 18 months, drawn here by the creative spirit I found here, and the sense of community. I'm now officially a pensioner, though am outgoing and love meeting new people and getting involved in new projects. There's so much to do in Bridport, sometimes the difficulty is choosing which activity to go with! This is my first time living in a small community, and I love living here. I enjoy living near the coast; I love walking on my own at Burton Bradstock.

● **DO you have any more projects lined up for the future? What would you like to do?**

We will be doing something about the Wildcats at the Rope Walk Fair in May, with the Museum. I hope this event will continue to inspire people to stand up for their rights, there is still a lot to be done with a 19 per cent pay gap and women being disproportionately affected by the growth of zero hours contracts and the low pay offered for vital jobs like caring, in our community. But I think I also need to get on with all the things I've been neglecting whilst organising this event!

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"robust and accurate" hence the need for the £100,000 contingency from reserves.

He added that there was a budget gap of £750,000 with proposals to deal with that through partnership saving with West Dorset council, other savings and improved income, adding that "it is a difficult budget but a lot easier than some authorities".

Chairman Councillor Mike Byatt said Weymouth & Portland's budget

was "an ongoing challenge" which was why the Town Centre Master Plan was so important, to help find a way to deal with financial pressures.

Mr Byatt said members had to not just look at making savings but generating new forms of income, not just focus on the financial pressures but also on how to create new forms of revenue.

Members then voted to approve recommending the budget to full council on February 26th.

Events programme for 2015 launched



■ Launching the 2015 Weymouth and Portland events programme

EVERYTHING from veterans to volleyball and from music to marathons is on offer for Weymouth and Portland's bumper list of events for 2015.

The programme was officially launched at Weymouth Pavilion by representatives and partners of many of the events featured during the year.

Weymouth and Portland events manager Steve Davies said: "We will have more than 250 events including community fetes and fairs, world and national sailing championships, live music, art, sports championships and many seasonal favourites.

"They will include popular favourites such as carnival and the Pommery Dorset Seafood Festival as well as a lot of events appearing for the first time.

"These include the Weymouth half marathon on March 15th and the first Sport and Wellbeing Festival on July 15th-26th on Weymouth Beach.

"So we are delighted that this year will again offer visitors fantastic value for money and a great experience."

Veterans spokesman Poppy Butcher said: "It is a very good programme of events. There is so much on that the town is going to be packed which is just what we want."

The events programme gets off to a sporting start in March with top class sailing action with the RYA Olympic Class and Winter Racing Regattas at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy while there is also the 15th Best of Dorset Show, a free event at Weymouth Pavilion.

The borough's major events are back including, Wessex Folk Festival and Armed Forces Celebrations in June, the Spirit of Portland in July, international

fireworks in August, Waterfest and Challenge Triathlon in September, the Lions Beach Motocross in October and Guy Fawkes in November.

Big sporting events and championships will once again feature strongly throughout the year, including one of the country's leading Ironman Distance Triathlons. This year's Challenge Triathlon promises to attract over 2,000 competitors and feature a strong entry from Europe.

Back on the water the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy has a busy year of hosting high profile sailing events including the ISAF Sailing World Cup, Hansa UK Nationals and Bart's Bash 2.

July and August is always a great time to try out a new activity, so why not join the fun on Weymouth Beach at this years the all new Dorset Sports and Wellbeing Festival, two day opportunity to try water sports (Kayaking and paddle boarding), a range of beach sports and general health checks and information. The two week sports and wellbeing festival will also feature a two day Disability Beach Festival for Dorset Schools and Adults, Batters Charity Beach Volleyball event, RFU Tag Rugby and the RAF Weymouth Beach Volleyball Classic, the country's leading two a side men's and women's volleyball championships.

Throughout 2015 the borough's fabulous park and open spaces will host a range of activities including fetes, fairs and picnics organised by the park's friends groups and borough council.

For a full listing of events throughout 2015 in Weymouth and Portland go to www.visit-dorset.com.

No, don't stop the carnival

WEYMOUTH Carnival could be finished because of major financial and safety concerns.

The warning came from Weymouth Carnival and Event Club president Ryan Hope who said 2014 might have been the last carnival in Weymouth.

He added: "This has arisen after last year's carnival just about broke even meaning no money to bring forward to help stage this year's event."

Outgoing chairman Elysia Munday said: "Last year's carnival committee faced many intense challenges making the running of the event an uphill struggle.

"Weymouth carnival is

normally organised by committee of about 15 people, but in 2014 we only had six committed people who were incredibly stretched throughout the entire year.

"It's so important to remember that carnival is an event that can only give what it receives which means support from the community, local business and volunteers is paramount.

"Dwindling support meant that funding for the event at a level that was needed was not achieved and the event itself was not able to be carried out to the standards that were originally set out.

"We have infinite grat-

itude to all who have shown support to the event over the years.

"It's truly you who makes this possible, but we are now at a stage where carnival is becoming something that is no longer viable to run.

"Last year's committee realised these concerns and the most of them have pulled out of organising the event this year"

New trustees have been appointed to the charity and a new committee has been put in place, but there are still concerns whether the event will be able to go ahead this year.

Mr Hope, who was appointed chairman of trustees in October after

last year's event, has rallied up a new committee but still has major concerns around the event.

He said: "After receiving all the information handed over by last year's committee and attending a safety advisory group, two of the new trustees have resigned due to the event being too much of a risk to stage this year."

Mr Ryan said: "We can no longer rely on volunteers to carry out such tasks as stewarding as many of them do not have the correct qualification or knowledge to do this job safely and the event is getting bigger.

"There's also the risk that a volunteer doesn't turn up and if there was an accident the committee would be held liable for providing the number

of stewards they said they would in the event management plan."


A plan has been put in place for the next month that mainly involves generating cash income and the new committee will be working hard to achieve £10,000 within the first month.

In total around £35,000 worth of sponsorship will need to be found if the event can go ahead.

Weymouth & Portland mayor, Councillor Kate Wheller, immediately pledged her support for carnival and said: "It would be a great shame to lose this wonderful event.

"I would encourage the community to rally round as it has in the past, and I will do all I can to help carnival as well."





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At 1.05pm on Wednesday, February 4th 2015, Dorset police was informed of a theft of money from a deposit box at Natwest bank on South Street in Dorchester. Two men were seen removing money from the box before running off.

A similar incident happened the same day at around 1.55pm at Natwest bank in St Thomas Street, Weymouth.

The first offender was described as white, around six feet tall and of slim build. He was wearing a baseball cap, a dark scarf and a black jacket.

The second man was described as white and of slim build. He was wearing a black beany hat, dark sunglasses and a fleece.

Inspector John O'Hara, of Weymouth CID, said: "We believe both incidents are linked and I am appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact Dorset police in confidence.

"I am particularly keen to hear from anyone who saw two men matching the description in these two areas to call me.

"I would also urge people to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity near banks." No arrests have been made.

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Council bosses to act on DWP 'unacceptable' overspend

By Jack Dixon
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COUNCIL leaders have blasted Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) for its "unacceptable" budget overspend and have promised to take urgent action to straighten out its finances.

An emergency plan has been put in place to keep a close watch on the way budgets are set in the future, after bosses overspent by a total of £2.76 million this year.

All levels of the partnership's management will be thoroughly investigated, with tighter controls on the hire of vehicles - the costs of which amount to around half of the DWP's overspend.

Council chiefs now say "stringent measures" are in place to prevent future financial

problems and restore confidence in the organisation.

Councillor Anthony Alford, chairman of the DWP Joint Committee, said: "The unexpected increase in the DWP overspend is unacceptable to partner councils, who joined together to deliver better services for local people at a reduced cost.

"Stringent measures are now in place to prevent future inaccuracy and restore partners' confidence."

The DWP was formed in 2011 and consists of all seven of Dorset's local authorities. It is responsible for managing waste, boosting recycling rates and providing street-cleaning services.

Last year an overspend of £2.3 million was discovered, triggering a rigorous investigation of the DWP budget.

But since then, a further £492,000 of previously unbudgeted costs, including an additional £300,000 on hiring vehicles alone, were identified.

Further scrutiny is to come, with the joint committee due to consider the recommendations of two more independent reviews, one by the South West Audit Partnership, and the other by Local Partnerships (jointly owned by the Treasury and the Local Government Association) at its next meeting.

A third, wider-ranging external review is also expected to take place later this year, though details are still to be finalised.

Cllr Alford added: "Councillors will carefully consider the recommendations from the independent reviews to agree what needs to be done."

"Dorset councils remain committed to working together to provide the best possible waste services for the best possible value during these very challenging times."

THE costs making up the total overspend include:

- hire vehicles: £1.3m
- operational staffing costs, including agency fees: £556,000
- disposal costs for the increased total amount of household waste: £441,000
- falling prices for recyclable materials, reducing income: £284,000
- vehicle parts and maintenance: £115,000
- two external reviews into the DWP: £52,000
- other minor variances: £13,000.

Age UK benefits advice sessions

A SERIES of benefits advice sessions are due to be held in the Weymouth and Portland area.

Island Community Action and Age UK Dorchester's Welfare Benefits Team are working together to provide benefits advice and help to older people in west Dorset.

Advice sessions will be held on the second Tuesday in each month between 10.00am and 12.15pm at Island Community Action, and will be by appointment only. Future dates include February 10th, March 10th, April 14th and May 12th.

To make an appointment, please contact Island Community Action on 01305 823789 or at Unit 13, Easton Shopping Centre, Easton, Portland DT5 1EB.

Benefit advice sessions for the over-50s at Age UK Portland are held on the fourth Friday of each

month, between 10.00am and 12.15pm at Age UK Portland and will be by appointment only. Future dates include February 27th, March 27th, April 24th and May 22nd.

To make an appointment, please contact 01305 826219 at Age UK Portland 28 Fortuneswell, Portland DT5 1LP.

There are also benefits advice sessions at Weymouth Community Safety Centre on Radipole Lane.

Advice sessions will be held on the second Thursday in each month, between 9.30am and 11.30am and will strictly by appointment for Dorset residents only. Future dates include February 12th, March 12th, April 9th and May 14th.

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Man attacked by two dogs

A PENSIONER has been injured after two Staffordshire bull terriers attacked him and his dogs while he was out walking on Portland.

Police say the incident happened when the 74-year-old victim was walking his three dogs – two cockapoos and a labradoodle – along Portland Marina between 12 noon and 1.00pm on Thursday, February 5th.

Officers added that the bull terriers attacked two of the man's dogs before their owner pulled them away.

When the pensioner, who comes from Weymouth, began to return to his car he saw the bull terriers running towards him again.

They attacked his dogs a second time before pulling him to the ground where he suffered minor injuries. The cockapoos suffered minor cuts and scratches, but the labradoodle was uninjured.

The owner of the two Staffordshire bull terriers is described as a white man, aged in his 30s, with short mousey curly hair and wearing glasses.

PC Dan Seall, of Weymouth police said: "I would like to speak to the owner of the Staffordshire bull terriers and am appealing for anyone who may have been in the area during the incident or may know the identity of the dog owner described to contact me."

"The majority of dog owners in Dorset are responsible, but I would remind the public that it is their responsibility to ensure they keep their dogs under control."

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset police in confidence on 101 quoting incident number 5:190 or call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

Two gongs for Weymouth College

TWO awards, described as "further education Oscars", have been won by Weymouth College.

The prestigious Association of Colleges (AoC) Beacon Awards include one for Careers Education and Guidance and the other for Sport in the Curriculum.

The awards, sponsored by UCAS Progress and VTCT (Vocational training charitable trust), respectively, were presented to the college by George Freeman MP, Under-secretary of State for Life Sciences, at an AoC Beacon Awards national presentation ceremony in London.

For the UCAS Progress Award for Careers Education and Guidance, the college has introduced a special careers college through partnerships with the county council, the economic regeneration unit, the regional university, employers, others colleges and schools. The partnership, led by Weymouth College, held an annual two-day event for Year 9 and 10 pupils consisting of workshops and a careers fair.

Pupils found the fair

memorable and, crucially, one which introduced them to new options to consider and in some cases an acknowledgement that previously considered options were not necessarily for them. It also gave them the opportunity to explore the new environment of the college in a non-threatening way.

Gina Bradbury, Head of UCAS Progress, said: "I congratulate Weymouth College, and all the nominees on all the work they do to support young people to make informed choices."

The sports initiative builds on the college's aim to be in the top ten percent of further education colleges in England providing a high quality and inclusive sports curriculum for all levels and abilities.

It works closely with partners to build on the legacy of hosting the sailing events in the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games and it aims to be recognised as a centre of excellence in meeting the priority skills needs of the local and regional community.



■ **GEORGE Freeman MP (third left) presents the award to, from the left, Nigel Evans, sector area manager Laura Summers, sports development officer Ben Heath, sports lecturer, Tom Priest, director of curriculum Kelly Bush and sector area manager Martin Oliver** © STEFANO CAGNONI 2015

The college has an outstanding teaching team who are highly committed to ensuring that all students receive high quality, innovative programmes. Students achieve a 99 percent success rate.

George Freeman MP, Under-Secretary of State for Life Sciences, said:

"I'm delighted to have the chance to meet with today's winning colleges whose inspiring work is creating huge benefits for learners."

"Winning one AoC Beacon Award is fantastic, but winning two is an absolutely outstanding achievement for Weymouth College staff and

students."

Weymouth College acting principal Nigel Evans said: "In very challenging financial times, it is very pleasing that these awards bear testimony to the outstanding efforts of college staff in giving outstanding educational experience to students in

Dorset."

Chair of the AoC Beacon Awards, Dame Patricia Bacon, said: "Each year, the calibre of the winning applications increases and I am always impressed by the innovative and creative ways in which colleges continue to help students reach their potential."

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I have been using the Centre since 2008 and come three times a week.

What was your motivation to start using the Leisure Centre?

My friend inspired me to accompany her swimming, but I couldn't swim, so I signed up to have some lessons! My doctor also recommended Pilates for my back pain.

What is your favourite activity and why?

All of them - Pilates, Swimming and Simply Aqua!

What do you really enjoy about using Bridport Leisure Centre?

I really enjoy the social side and meeting the other class participants - it's lovely to see everyone each week. The instructors are great and the Centre has a lovely atmosphere.

Congratulations Viv!

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Rat relief could return

RESIDENTS could soon have access to a recommended pest control service to deal with rat and other problems in Weymouth and Portland.

The borough stopped offering an in-house pest control service to residents in 2008 because of financial pressures.

But the possible tri-council partnership joining North Dorset with Weymouth, Portland and West Dorset has revealed that North Dorset already has a framework agreement for a pest control service which Weymouth and Portland could join from August 2015.

Councillor Mike Goodman said: "North Dorset has a very effective pest control operative service which we can recommend people to use."

Members were told that West Dorset's latest annual complaints included 400 for rats, 400 for mice, several hundred for wasps and a number for issues such as bed bugs.

Since Weymouth & Portland stopped its service residents have had to resort to DIY methods such as poison, but the rat population is becoming increasingly immune because poison is used so much.

MP asks PM for Afghan troops' commemoration

Richard Drax, MP for South Dorset asked the Prime Minister whether there would be any commemoration of the armed forces' service in Afghanistan.

Speaking at Prime Minister's questions, Mr Drax asked: "... 453 members of our armed forces have lost their lives in Afghanistan and many, many more were wounded, some seriously.

"And although we have brought most of our troops home, the 400 men and women of 2 Rifles are still serving with great distinction in Kabul in support of government forces.

"Would my Rt Hon Friend agree with me that it's time we recognised the efforts of ALL those who served in this

war with a commemorative event."

Prime Minister David Cameron replied. "I very much agree with my honourable friend. I am pleased to announce that we will hold a special service of commemoration in St Paul's Cathedral and a military parade on the 13th March to mark the end of combat operations in Afghanistan. It is a fitting moment to pay tribute to the extraordinary contribution made by our armed forces in Afghanistan over 13 years."

"I am delighted to hear that the Government will be thanking our brave men and women so publicly and properly," said Drax.

"They deserve our deepest thanks.

Charlie wins safety poster competition

A ROAD safety poster competition for school-children in Weymouth and Portland has been won by 10-year-old Charlie.

The competition was launched in December for all Year 6 pupils in the two areas and a total of 16 schools took part.

Pupils were given the briefing that their poster had to focus on

staying safe when out on their bicycle, scooter or walking.

The posters were first judged by the individual school with the winner of each Year 6 group receiving a set of bike lights. Runners-up received a goody bag.

The top entries were then sent to Dorset Police to be judged by Chief Inspector Debbie

Marsden, head of road policing.

Charlie's Be Safe, Be Alive Outside entry was chosen for its clear message highlighting the different modes of transport used by children.

Her entry encourages children to: 'keep your eyes and ears open', 'if there are paths of any kind use them', 'use crossings to cross roads, only cross when

the cars have stopped', 'give warnings so you don't crash' and 'use your brain so you can keep it'.

Charlie, of St Nicholas and St Laurence Primary School in Weymouth, was presented with her prize – a GT Bump bike – and her poster will be used by Dorset Police to advertise keeping safe on our roads.

Chief Inspector Deb-

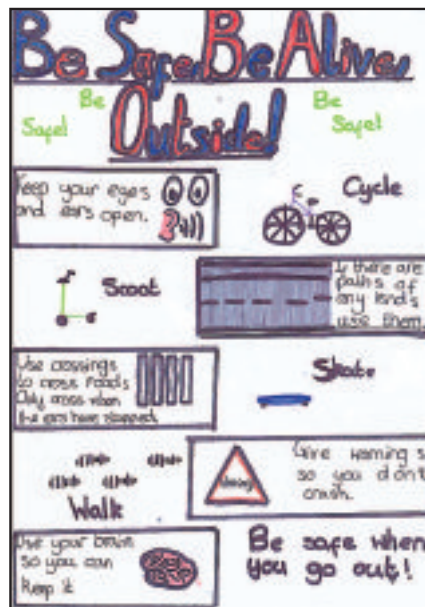
bie Marsden said: "I particularly liked Charlie's entry because it sends out very clear messages and highlights all the different ways young people use the road.

"As Charlie points out – we all need to use our brains while using the road."

Dorset Police's road policing unit is dedicated towards reducing casualties on the county's roads and raising awareness of the importance of road safety.

Last year the force announced that a new 'no excuse' team of officers will be working 24 hours a day seven days a week towards tackling the five biggest killers on our roads.

They use a combination of enforcement and education to tackle the 'fatal five': drink and drug driving, excessive and inappropriate speed, not wearing a seatbelt, driver distractions such as using a hand-held mobile phone and careless driving.



■ CHARLIE'S poster



■ L TO R: Dorset County Hospital head of trauma Ian Mew with winner, Charlie and Chief Inspector Debbie Marsden

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More for Littlemoor

WEYMOUTH'S Littlemoor area is making a real effort for its community.

People are being asked if they have an idea for a group or activity that might prove popular and benefit residents in the area.

If anyone does then Big4Littlemoor is offering small grants to help set up taster sessions to see if the idea will work and hopefully continue successfully.

People can apply for funding for any activity or project on Littlemoor. The grants are to cover costs such as the first ten weeks of venue hire, refreshment costs

for these weeks and small incidental set up costs.

Grants will not cover salaried positions, pre-existing activities, fees for courses for individuals, ongoing building maintenance costs, website design and upkeep, building design (architecture) or publicity events.

Applications will be assessed against Big4Littlemoor themes such as community life and interactions, health and well-being, environment, lifelong education and community safety.

It is important that the idea-project fulfills one

of these criteria and the current round of grant applications must be in by February 28th. People may only make one application in this funding round.

Application forms can be obtained from Gill Paterson, Project Coordinator, on 07467 177 989 or email gill60pat@gmail.com.

Elsewhere in Littlemoor, a fun event for all the family is being organised by Groundwork South and Weymouth & Portland council on Tuesday, February 17th from 2.00pm at the far end of the football pitch at Top Club in Louviers Road to help build planting beds so that the community can grow its own food.

As an incentive to all volunteers there will be fun and games with pancakes! Make your own, take part in pancake flipping contests and races or simply just sit back and eat one or two.

Pancakes will be supplied by Tony Gibbons

from The Friendly Food Club.

It's a free event and all ages are invited, no experience necessary, but those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For further information please contact Toni Powell, Groundwork South, on 07889 756166 or email toni.powell@groundwork.org.uk.

And a pilot scheme for a series of Memory Cafés will soon take place as part of the Big4Littlemoor plan to improve the lives of those who suffer from dementia.

The Memory Cafés provide activities and projects under qualified supervision and are aimed at helping dementia sufferers cope with the difficulties that face them and retain their independence for as long as possible.

In order that numbers can be assessed anyone who wishes to join should express their interest by calling the library on 01305 812350.



■ FROM left, Moira Bellingham, Cllr Joy Stanley and Julie Hursthouse

Chick knitters help families

THE 'Let's Make It' community group is now looking for volunteers to knit Easter chicks with little Easter eggs inside to raise money for families who have suffered domestic violence living in the local area.

Organiser Julie Hursthouse said: "The idea is to help these families move on by providing them with funds for whatever they need as many fled with only the clothes they stood up in. "This campaign will

run for three years and we need to get it off to a good start.

"Any knitter interested in helping can contact me on (01305) 838497 or email me on j.hursthouse@westdorset-weymouth.gov.uk or call in person at park Community Centre in Weymouth on February 18th between 3.00pm to 4.00pm to collect patterns and wool.

"Each chick takes about 90 minutes to knit and is great fun!"



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Coffee mornings for our charities

Schooling for 9-year-old Kenyan girl, Bessi

BACON butties served at a church hall have helped to give a Kenyan girl much needed schooling.

The event was organised by Amelia Hawkins, 14, a member of St Paul's church Youth Club in Weymouth.

She made sure the delicious aroma of cooking bacon wafted around visitors and helped to swell coffers attempting to raise units of

£60: each unit will provide a year of education for Bessi, a nine-year-old Kenyan orphan living in Chogoria about 150 miles from Nairobi.

Amelia said: "I just thought that girls need more rights in the world and helping a girl get an education so she can help others in the future seemed a good idea."

"Hopefully we can hold this and

other events to ensure Bessi will stay in school until she is 18, the money paying for her education, a hot meal a day and any medical expenses she may need.

Amelia's work for Bessi forms part of the Dorset-Murugi Community Projects operating in Kenya.

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■ FATHER Richard Harper and Amelia Hawkins tuck into bacon butties. If they can reach £200 Father Harper has volunteered to be 'gunged'

Leukaemia and lymphoma research

PEOPLE packed into Weymouth's Crown Hotel when a coffee morning was held for South Dorset Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

The event also included stalls with cakes, books, bric-a-brac, knitted wear, jewellery, a tombola and a grand draw.

Group chairman Gwen Elliott said: "It is a very good cause not least because the organisation keeps in touch with us to inform us how research is going."

"These days about 90 per cent of children with leukaemia are cured whereas less than 50 years ago it was a death sentence."

"Today was a wonderful turn-out and we would like to thank all those who donated items for the coffee morning."

Among those attending was Weymouth & Portland mayor, Councillor Kate Wheller, who said: "It was lovely to see so many people here supporting such a wonderful cause."



■ GWEN Elliott with Mayor Kate Wheller at the coffee morning

Stairlift for Portland Manor Theatre

DOZENS of cups were filled when Portland Royal Manor Theatre group held a coffee morning to raise funds for a stairlift for its theatre.

The event, in Easton

Methodist Church Hall, attracted nearly 200 people who were welcomed by Len Strom from the theatre.

Secretary Andy Bishop said: "It was a fantastic response by the commu-

nity to our appeal.

"We will put the money we have raised towards putting in a stairlift at our theatre in Fortuneswell so that disabled people can come in and enjoy our produc-

tions.

"We are trying to raise about £4,000 and we will be holding another fundraising coffee morning on Saturday, April 11th at 10.00am, again here in this hall."



■ Len Strom welcomes people to the coffee morning

SJA video saves children's lives



ST JOHN Ambulance (SJA) has organised first aid courses in Weymouth, following the success of its latest advertising campaign.

More than 20 million viewers have watched The Chokeables – an animated advertisement that shows what to do if a baby or child starts to choke.

The life saving back blow and chest thrust techniques are among the skills that will be taught during the first aid charity's course at its building in Westwey Road on Saturday, February 28th, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. An additional course has been arranged for April 25th. In Dorchester the course will run on Saturday, March 21st in St John House, St John Way.

SJA's latest campaign was launched earlier this month after

research revealed that three-quarters of parents don't know the correct technique for saving their baby from choking despite it being a major fear.

And 11 people have contacted the charity to say that they saved their child's life after learning what to do from the advertisement.

SJA's regional director for the south west, Steve Hargreaves said: "Knowing what to do in an emergency can be the difference between life and death, especially with something like choking."

"This film makes it as easy as possible to learn first aid, in less than 40 seconds it teaches a skill that could save a life."

"Thanks to people enjoying and sharing the video with their

friends and family, The Chokeables campaign has already saved children's lives and, if more people take up the opportunity to learn more first aid skills, during this three-hour course in Weymouth, we could save many more."

The Essential First Aid (EFA) course is suitable for all ages and an expert from the nation's leading first aid charity will cover all of the basic skills needed to save a life, including resuscitation, bleeding and choking.

Everyone who successfully completes the £25 (+VAT) session will get a certificate valid or three years, together with a course book.

To watch the film and book a place on a first aid course, visit www.sja.org.uk/TheChokeables.

Civic Society meets on Monday

WEYMOUTH Civic Society's next meeting at the Nothe Fort on Monday, February 16th, at 7.30pm will be the third forum concentrating on the town centre masterplan.

Among speakers will be the Chamber of Commerce, the Business Improvement District and the Weymouth

& Portland spokesman on economic development.

Civic Society honorary secretary Gerald Mabb said the three would act as a panel to introduce this important subject from their perspective and to join in discussion with those present.

This is an open meet-

ing and all are welcome.

Mr Mabb said: "The Society has been concerned with the economic health of the town centre for several years and has held forum meetings where possible solutions have been explored."

"We hope the masterplan will be a major

catalyst in providing guidance and encouraging finance to deal with the changing role of the high street and particular problems we have in Weymouth."

Car parking is available in the Fort for those attending: simply go through the tunnel at the end of Barrack Road.

Drop-in evening for businesses

BUSINESSES across west Dorset are being invited to a free drop-in event offering business advice and support.

Weymouth & Portland council is running the event which will offer advice on topics such as starting a new business, growing a business, importing and exporting, locating new premises, financing a and marketing.

The event, supported by the local chambers of commerce, will take place in the Piano Bar at Weymouth Pavilion on Thursday, February 10th, from 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

Support will also be on offer from organisations such as Dorset Business Mentoring, WSX enterprise, UK Trade and Investment, The Dorset Skills Hub and The Dorset Growth Hub.

Weymouth & Portland economic spokesman Councillor Ray Nowak said: "We want to do anything we can to help support businesses."

"Successful businesses will help make a stronger local economy and create more job opportunities."

West Dorset District Council leader Councillor

Anthony Alford said: "Offering help and support to businesses can make a real contribution to building stronger foundations for success."

To find out more contact business@westdorset-weymouth.gov.uk or visit www.dorsetforyou.com/businessadvice.

Welcoming in the year of the sheep at St Paul's

A CHINESE New Year night is to be held at St Paul's Church in Abbotsbury Road, Weymouth.

The event will take place on Friday, February 13th, at 6.30pm when there will be Chinese food, entertainment and a quiz.

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Stuffocating at home

SURVEYS don't do a lot for me because, as a cynical journalist, I know only too well that there are lies, damn lies and statistics.

But I'm going to detail one survey and challenge all you families out there right across Weymouth and Portland to go out and see how you stack up against it.

The commentary began by claiming that the average British woman buys 59 items of clothing per year and has twice as many things in her wardrobe as she did in 1980 including 22 things she has never worn.

But it turns out that the finger should not just be pointed at women but at all of us as one American survey has just showed.

You must realise that the study revealing the contents of an average home was staggering enough at 2,260 items.

It became even more of an eye-opener when it emerged that this figure only applied to the smallest home in the study at just 980sq ft and that the surveyors had to follow rules and only count what they could see, not other stuff jammed into drawers or cupboards!

Overall figures showed an average such US family owned 39 pairs of shoes, 90 DVDs or videos, 139 toys, 212 CDs and 438 books and magazines.

So how might a British family of two parents and two adult children fare – my family -- I wondered, duly spending an hour or so finding out.

My own findings were such a shock that I couldn't write this piece at first because I was so staggered at what I found, underlining the fact that families may well have a lot more stuff than they realise.

alise.

Using the same rule as the US survey and only counting what could be seen, the final list included 31 pairs of shoes new and old, 447 DVDs or videos including some over 30 years old, 151 toys mostly from a beanie collection, 428 CDs and a hefty 1,844 books and magazines including one battered old illustrated volume of natural history dating back to 1855.

OK, so our home is a little bigger than the smallest home quoted in the US survey....but with all those items.....how on Earth do we fit in the house?!!

Admittedly we have talked seriously in the last year or so of getting rid of a lot of stuff and this finding may well be the spur we need to actually do it.

God knows what else we'll find when we start getting rid of stuff.

Rabbitting on

PRIME Minister David Cameron has consented to take part in a cross-party debate as part of the general election after the BBC agreed that the Keep Portland Weird Party could be included in it.

It means the number of parties crossing swords in the hotly anticipated television debate has now risen to 93.

Once presenter Jeremy Paxman has introduced the programme from a specially converted roundabout in Swindon it will give representatives in the one hour debate approximately 35 seconds speaking time each.

Keep Portland Weird Party leader Ms Bunny Rabbit said she hopes to challenge the Prime Minister to get the Royal Navy back on Portland and give south Dorset the level of government grants and carrots it deserves.

That means the rest of us whose brain cells haven't been added by political lunacy and nit-picking can give the eventual debate the sort of attention it deserves by pressing the "off" button on our remotes.

Thank you. That was a party political broadside on behalf of a desperately bored electorate.

And remember. There are just 86 days of this general election cuckooland left to enjoy.

Try and stay sane.

Squandering their own resources

IN an era when everything is being screwed down tight in the name of austerity there can surely be no greater example of sheer waste than this.

A Weymouth man bought a piece of self-assembly furniture which had to be delivered to him from some distance.

When he started the assembly he swiftly found that two dowels were missing, so he phoned the company involved and asked for replacement dowels to be sent to him which they did.

Nothing wrong with that, I hear you say, but the company involved was lazy beyond belief.

Any normal person would just send two dowels. After all they are small, only weigh a few grams and the

postal costs would be minimal.

Not this company. They couldn't be bothered to search out two dowels and simply resent the entire package: 192 pieces of it weighing a staggering 600g or about one and a half pounds at God knows what postal costs!

It is this mindless reaction without giving thought to what is being done which is probably behind the national debt.

After all, if a commercial company isn't bothered about losing its own money what incentive does the government have to keep a series of balances and checks on the nation's money to prevent similar wasteful actions. No incentive at all as we know to our cost.

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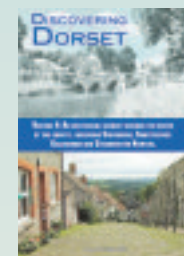
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Dorset goes Dutch on two wheels

LOCAL cycling tour operators, Signpost Cycling, represented the counties of Dorset and Devon to promote the UK section of the new European funded 1200km/745 mile 'Tour de Manche' cycle route at the *Fiets en Wandelbeurs* (Biking and Hiking Fair), Holland's largest cycling and walking consumer holiday show, in Amsterdam.

The annual two day event has been running since 2005 and attracts around 25,000 visitors each year. The Dutch are Dorset's biggest international visitor and are very keen on outdoor pursuits in particular cycling and walking routes.

Signpost Cycling was invited to work with Visit England, Normandy and Brittany tourism boards to help promote the Tour de Manche and cycling and walking in Dorset and Devon.

Signpost principal, Roy Griffiths, said "We were pleased to be invited to represent the UK section of the Tour de Manche along with cycling and walking in Dorset and Devon.

"Our first hand experience of cycling the whole of the UK together

with sections of the French Tour de Manche proved invaluable as we could describe the routes in detail whilst highlighting the diverse landscape and unique points of interest.

"The stand was very busy from the moment the doors opened and, although most visitors to the show had heard of Dorset and the Tour de Manche route, having someone to speak to give first hand with detailed knowledge and information of the routes proved very popular."

Roy continued: "We also learnt a lot more about how the Dutch holiday, the length of time and what information they require to make their holiday decision.

"I feel Dorset has a lot more to offer and we will know be looking to develop more cycling routes in Dorset."

The stand was funded by a number of French regions, with the dedicated Tour de Manche section being funded by the TdM working group. Dorset County and Visit England also made contributions to the set up and manning of the stand.



■ ROY Griffiths and Jacqui Gisborne (Signpost Cycling), Roosje Nap (Brittany Tourism) and Laetitia Peigner, (Normandy Tourism) on the stand at the Fiets en Wandelbeurs (Biking and Hiking Fair)

Mobility scooter users' advice day

HAZARDS and problems for mobility scooter users and pedestrians are being highlighted at a free event on Wednesday, February 18th from 10.30am.

It is being jointly organised by SafeWise at Weymouth Community Safety Centre and Weymouth & Portland council and the event includes lunch.

The partnership between the two organisations has come from the increase in the number of people using mobility scooters.

The free event has been organised at Weymouth Community Safety Centre on Radipole Lane for people who have a mobility scooter or are thinking of buying one.

Those who bring their mobility scooter along will be able to have a free safety check and everyone will be given an opportunity to test drive a scooter and receive information about insurance and their practical use. Centre co-ordinator Vikki Thomas said: "I hope this will be the first of many events like this. People with mobility problems can be very vulnerable in their homes and out and in their community.

"We've been working in partnership to try to identify the issues and see what support we can offer on the day. We're really excited about bringing this fun and interactive session to the safety centre."

Places are limited so people should reserve a place by calling the safety centre on 01305 753050.

All welcome at Thomas Fowell Buxton society AGM

THE Thomas Fowell Buxton Society, now registered as a charity in England and Wales, is holding its annual meeting in Weymouth on Wednesday, February 18th, at 2.00pm.

This year the venue is St Edmund's Hall, Lane-house Rocks Road, Littlesea, when Weymouth & Portland mayor, Councillor Kate Wheller, will be there as honorary president of the society. Members of the public, as well as society members, are most welcome to attend.

After the refreshment break there will be a presentation on The Buxtons of Weymouth, resident family members who, over three generations, witnessed and were part of the evolution of Georgian Weymouth.

Also, in the roles of grandmother, uncle, mother and sister, they were instrumental in the character formation of Thomas Fowell Buxton, abolitionist MP for Weymouth for nineteen years between 1818-1837.



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Cheque mates: working for good causes

£2,600 from classic car run for Air Ambulance



■ PHILIP Hart presents the cheque to Richard Robbins of Air Ambulance

FOR the last 20 years the Weymouth Vehicle Preservation Society has organised the New Year's Day Run for classic vehicles.

This year over 200 vehicles took part, backed by the principle sponsor of the event for many years by cookware specialists, Hart's of Stur.

Philip Hart recently presented a cheque for £2,600 from the event to Richard Robbins and Wendy Burke who accepted it on behalf of Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance.

£1,012 for Dorset kidney fund from volleyball tournament

THE DORSET Kidney Fund was the nominated beneficiary from the volleyball contest on the sands in August.

Chairman Paul Bithell, events manager Sue Bithell, governor Stephanie Vincent, and Diana and Alan Crowder were presented with £1,012 by Cherise Luke-Bennett from Battens.

Sue said: "Our great thanks go to Battens so-

licitors. Our members will be extremely grateful for this support."

Paul added: "The proceeds will go directly into providing advice, help and support for existing and new patients."

Paul spent more than 20 years on dialysis before new developments in technology allowed his mother Sue to donate a kidney to him.

The fund covers Dorset

and South Somerset and there are more than 3,000 people with chronic renal failure in the region.

Cherise, a lawyer in the Battens Weymouth office which organises the volleyball contest, said: "It was another very successful year."

"Our thanks go to the local businesses involved, the Weymouth Volleyball Club and

Weymouth and Portland Borough Council for their tremendous support."

She added: "We are very proud of just how popular the tournament has become and we're looking forward to another successful event this year."

Teams can register their interest on the Battens solicitors website at www.battens.co.uk.



■ L TO R: Sue Bithell, Stephanie Vincent, Sarah Knowles from Battens, Diana Crowder, Alan Crowder, Cherise Luke-Bennett and Fund chairman Paul Bithell

£973 from Old Rooms to RNLI



■ PAUL Smith hands over the cheque to RNLI Weymouth lifeboat mechanic Phil Hansford

WEYMOUTH'S Old Rooms landlord Paul Smith has donated £973 to the RNLI Weymouth lifeboat. The money was raised by donating ten pence for every pint of Old Rooms Ale that the pub sold during 2014.

Mr Smith said that his pub likes to be at the heart of the community and is a regular for many of the local and visiting lifeboat crews and he was "very pleased to support such a good cause".

He also added that he had been rescued a couple of times by the inshore lifeboat while windsurfing in Portland Harbour so had high regard for the work that the volunteers of the lifeboat do.

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Valerie Singleton spearheads older driving skills campaign

DORSET county council is launching older drivers' theory sessions with the help of Valerie Singleton, best remembered for presenting Blue Peter.

The 77-year-old television celebrity, who presented Nationwide, The Money Programme and PM, is keen to encourage drivers aged 75 years and above to take part in these sessions.

The first of these two-hour sessions will take place at Castle Gardens in Sherborne and covers subjects such as negotiating

roundabouts, observations and distractions and looking at why things go wrong.

Valerie said: "The course will help those drivers who learnt to drive in the 1940s, '50s and '60s. The emphasis is on friendly discussion and help to keep people mobile. Roads and driving have changed so much since we learnt to drive and this can wear away your confidence. This course is a great way to get that self-belief back."

Kwik Fit is also attending this

session and is offering a free chance to learn about checking over your car.

Local sessions are:

• **Weymouth:** March 2nd, 10.00am to 12.00 noon, The Gallery, SafeWise, Radipole Lane.

• **Dorchester:** March 20th, 2.00pm to 4.00pm, Lecture Room, Dorchester Fire Station, 112 Firehouse Road

To book or find out more information visit www.dorsetforyou.com/dorsetdriver.

'Make a break for it' with Diverse Abilities

DIVERSE Abilities, Dorset's disability charity, is looking for teams to take part in its 'Make a Break for It' challenge where participants will have the chance to go on a spontaneous 36 hour weekend away, with no idea where they may end up!

From Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th April teams of two to four people will battle to get the furthest away from base and back within 36 hours without any money or transport, just Diverse Abilities t-shirts and persuasive signs.

There will be a variety of prizes to be won for the top teams that take part, make it the furthest away and back to base over the two days.

Emily Watts, events intern at Diverse Abilities, said: "This exhilarating challenge could take you anywhere in the world.

"You just have to be brave enough to do plenty of blagging to get your team free transport!

"This is sure to be an unforgettable weekend away while doing something great for charity and raising vital funds for the children and adults Diverse Abilities supports."

To take part in 'Make a Break for It' teams must consist of two to four people and the minimum entry age is 18 years. The registration fee is £50 and minimum sponsorship is £375 per team.

Diverse Abilities is the only charity that supports children and adults with profound physical and, or, learning disabilities, and their families, in Dorset. During 2015 the charity will be celebrating its 60th anniversary. It currently supports more than 600 children and adults with day care or overnight respite care, and its supported living service helps adults live independently in their own home with



■ **HAVING fun at Diverse Abilities**

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Their advisers also help families and carers claim disability benefits and apply for deputyship status.

To find out more or sign up, get in touch with Emily on 01202 718266 or email emily.watts@diverseabilities.org.uk.

For more information regarding Diverse Abilities visit www.diverseabilities.org.uk.

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Combined council one step nearer

WEYMOUTH and Portland has taken another step towards setting up a tri-council partnership with current partner West Dorset and proposed new partner North Dorset.

A meeting of the council's management committee

agreed to recommend that full council on February 26th approve establishing the partnership.

Councillor Ray Nowak said "partnerships are the way forward" and that this triple set-up was the next step.

It wasn't irrevocable because any of the councils could leave the partnership if they gave 12 months notice, he said.

Chief executive Matt Prosser said staff were being briefed on what was happening.

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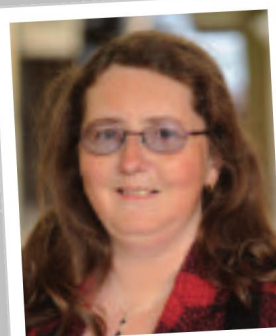
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| 11.30 - 12.30 | | | Body Toning Sally | | | |
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Weymouth's Royal Oak is CAMRA's local pub of year

LOCALNESS was the key to the Royal Oak on Weymouth's quayside being named West Dorset Pub of the Year by the Campaign for Real Ale. CAMRA spokesman Michel Hooper-Immins said: "The Pub of the Year award is voted for by our 600 members from 258 licensed premises in the area.

"They praised the outstanding choice and quality of the local real ales, bubbly assistant manager Jenna Wells and the warm atmosphere created by happy local customers.

"They applauded enterprising initiatives like a pint and a pie and the tasting tray consisting of three one-third pints giving a taste of what's available on the bar that day."

West Dorset CAMRA branch chairman Dave Harris said: "The Royal Oak has a welcoming and friendly atmosphere with great views across the harbour; the bar staff are attentive and helpful and the beers are always

in good condition- what more do you want?"

Royal Oak general manager Keith Treggiden said: "It is a real honour to win this award, especially as we've only been trading for 18 months.

"We owe our success to our great staff team and to our loyal local drinkers who have supported us since day one and helped us to come up with the right selection of beers and ciders.

"During 2015, we're planning to put on more special events for customers including a cider festival, a Great British Weekend of local food and drink and a folk festival - with beer, of course."

The Royal Oak now goes forward to the regional CAMRA Pub of the Year competition, against ten other pubs nominated by CAMRA branches in Hampshire, Dorset, the Isle of Wight, the Channel Islands and parts of Wiltshire and Somerset.

Get your Knockout teams together for summer fun

FUN-LOVERS are being urged to join Dorset's disability charity, Diverse Abilities, for its third It's a Knockout' competition on Sunday, June 28th, in Weymouth.

The event, at Lodmoor Country Park, starts at 1.30pm when people can relive the magic of TV's greatest tournament while raising money to support children and adults

across the county who have disabilities, and their families.

'It's a Knockout' is supported by Weymouth & Portland council and Diverse events fundraiser Sharon Wells said: "Why not get a team of friends, family or work colleagues together and join the fun? By signing up for this event, participants will be actively supporting the



work of Diverse Abilities, while having a great time in the sunshine."



■ THE Blood, Sweat and then Beers team from last year's event

Ruth Paulus took part in the 'It's a Knockout' event last year and her team, Blood, Sweat and then Beers, came third.

She said: "It was such a fun event and I can't wait to take part again this year! Each game really got us working together as a team, cheering each other on and having a good laugh at the same time. We were so proud of coming third but this year we are all ready to win!"

To take part, a team of eight to 12 people are required and participants must be aged 16 years or older. All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Team entry is £120 but Diverse Abilities is

offering half price entry fees if participants register for the event before April 1st, saving the team £60. A minimum of £600 per team (just £50 per person to fundraise) is also required as sponsorship for the event.

To find out more, visit www.diverseabilities.org.uk/events, contact Sharon Wells at Diverse Abilities on (01202) 718266 or email sharon.wells@diverseabilities.org.uk

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Mother and daughter cancer survivors encourage others to unite for charity

LYME Regis resident Kirsten Taylor and Jan Morton have an unbreakable bond as mother and daughter, but they also share another significant experience – they are both cancer survivors.

Now the pair are joining forces to ask people to show their support for cancer patients following World Cancer Day earlier this month.

Daughter Kirsten, a sales executive with the *View From's* sister newspapers in South Somerset, and mum Jan, from Gillingham, near Shaftesbury, are calling on men, women and children to buy a Cancer Research UK "Unity Band" and wear it with pride.

The wrist band is made of two parts which form a knot to represent strength in unity. They are available in a range of colours from all Cancer Research UK shops for a suggested donation of £2.

For Kirsten and Jan, the band represents the power of people joining together to support research and crucial new discoveries which will help more people like them survive. The money raised will help Cancer Research UK scientists to beat cancer sooner.

Kirsten, 40, was diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma in September 2000 when she was just 24.

She said: "I had a lump under my arm but I had had a previous injury there so I wasn't too worried about it. However, my doctor decided I should have it checked straight away and a biopsy confirmed it was cancer."

"It was a huge shock and very frightening. I was just starting out in life and suddenly it felt as if all that had come to an abrupt halt."

She had surgery to remove the lump and then began six weeks of daily radiotherapy, having to give up work during this time. Kirsten was warned she would be at high risk of the cancer returning so underwent preventative treatment.

Then, as Kirsten continued with further follow-up treatment, including surgery, mum Jan was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"That was a very difficult time. Mum had been brilliant in supporting me because she is a qualified nurse and now I had to support her too," said Kirsten.

However, there was some good news to follow. Kirsten had also been told there was a high chance she would be infertile, but just as she started fertility investigation, to her delight, she found she was pregnant.

Taegan was born in July 2002 and less than two years later Megan followed. She has since raised thousands of pounds for Cancer Research UK, taking part in Race For Life including once with a double buggy when her daughters were babies and once three-legged with Taegan. Kirsten also climbed Mount Aconcagua in Argentina in 2011, raising nearly £4,000.

She added: "Going through cancer



was a really, really tough time, but to get through it was great. And then to have Taegan, followed by Megan was just incredible. They are my world and having them was something I never dreamed would be possible."

Kirsten was discharged from hospital care last year.

"Initially that felt like an umbilical cord being cut, which is scary. But my oncologist said his door is always open if ever I need to go back," she said.

"I had amazing care all through my treatment and thanks to ongoing research, I have been pre-warned about secondary cancers and preventative steps I can take."

Kirsten's mum Jan, aged 68, has a very different cancer story. She was due to go for a routine mammogram in 2007 and almost didn't go due to poor weather, but her husband, Philip, persuaded her to attend the appointment.

"I'm very glad I did because it turned out I had a rare and aggressive form of breast cancer," she said.

Thankfully, the disease was caught early and after undergoing surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy, Jan is now back to full health.

"That's why we're both backing Cancer Research UK and encouraging everyone to get a Unity Band now," she said.

More than three people are diagnosed with cancer every hour in the South West and with cancer incidence set to rise steeply by 2030, there's still much more to do to ensure no-one's life is cut short.

Kirsten added: "I'm grateful for the treatment that saved my life and my mum's life. Now we want to do what we can to urge people to fight back against this devastating disease."

Cancer Research UK researchers have played a key role in supporting landmark advances in cancer treatment including tamoxifen for breast cancer and cisplatin for testicular cancer.

Cancer Research UK receives no government funding for its research but with help from the public, the charity aims to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

Lynn Daly, Cancer Research UK

spokesperson for the South West, said: "If we unite, we will beat cancer sooner. Thanks to advances being made in research, a small donation can really make a big difference. Success stories like Kirsten and Jan's would not be possible without the commitment of our supporters, who fund the charity's life-saving work."

"So we are calling on people in to unite and remember those lost to cancer, celebrate the survivors, and rally in support of those currently fighting cancer."

"Every step we take towards beating cancer relies on every hour

of research, every pound donated and every person who gets involved. This is a chance for everyone to make a difference and be a part of something momentous.

"So we dearly hope people of all ages across the region will pick up a Unity Band or make a small donation to Cancer Research UK. A small gesture like this can make a truly big difference and help ensure that more families stay together for longer."

For further information about Cancer Research UK campaigns, visit the website www.cruk.org

Wednesday, February 11

The Business of Getting Published, £ Free, 2-3pm, Malthouse, Town Mill
Panel and advice for authors

Cookies and Creativity, 4-5:30pm, Aroma Cafe
KS2 workshop, £10

Love's Labour's Lost, 6:45-10:00pm, Regent Cinema
RSC Live, £9-£16

Thursday, February 12

'On Cigarette Papers' – A reading and Q&A with poet Pam Zinnemann-Hopel, 1-2pm
£Free, Malthouse, Town Mill

Writing your Way out of Darkness, Workshop with Tracey West and Nayna Kumari
£3, 2:30-3:30pm, Malthouse, Town Mill

How does an author build a novel? A presentation and conversation with author Leslie Tate, 4-5pm
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Saturday, February 14

Jane Austen Tour, 11am – 12.30pm, £10pp, The Anchor, Cobb Gate car park

Cobb History Tour, 12:30pm – 1:15pm, £3.50 per person, Lifeboat Station

Lesser Known Lyme – Meet the author Joanna Smith
£Free, 2pm – 3pm, Lyme Regis Library

Mary Anning Tour, 1:30-3pm, £10/£3, Lyme Regis Museum

Sunday, February 15

A Walk with the French Lieutenant's Woman, 1pm-3:45pm, £25pp, booking required

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Kid's Book Nook

Town Mill Malthouse - Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm

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Magic Oxygen @ The Hub

The Hub on Church Street will be the centre of the literary universe on Saturday between 11am and 2pm as Lyme based Magic Oxygen Publishing launch 8 new spring titles. Come along and meet the authors to find out what makes them tick and listen to readings and interviews with them too.

The new releases have something for everyone. They include a rib-tickling Ruritanian romance with political agenda from James Dunford Wood. There's a deeply sinister crime thriller that you're best advised to read with the light on called *Blind Cupid* by Max Brandt. The Pick-Up Artist is a vibrant, colourful rom com from Bridport Prize winning author Chris Hill. Izzy Robertson makes her debut in paperback with *Dreaming the Moon*, a fabulous fantasy fiction and in the same genre, the prolific and much loved children's author Sue Hampton will be there with her new title, *The Dreamer*. Rob E Windsor has a poignant graphic novel about alcohol addiction called *Off Her Facebook!* which started life as an award-winning stage play. Gordon Strong is a writer of myth and legend who presents you with *The Empire of Evil*, full of super sharp wit and cosmic dimensions to dive into.

Tracey and Simon West will also be announcing the winners of the Magic Oxygen Literary Prize, a unique writing competition which planted a tree in their Word Forest for every entry and is also planting a tree for every anthology sold too. It contains the top 10 shortlisted short stories and poems which of course include the brilliantly crafted winning entries.

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- Enrich soil with compost where beans are to be grown
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- Order herbaceous perennials from nursery catalogues for delivery in the spring
- Dust stored dahlia tubers with sulphur powder to discourage rot
- If you have dug over a new area, cover the ground with a large sheet of polythene, weighted with bricks around the edges, to keep off the worst of the winter weather and deter any weeds
- Start to chit seed potatoes available from garden centres
- Apply organic fertiliser such as blood, fish and bone, over beds and borders which will release their nutrients slowly over a long period
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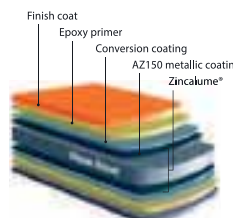
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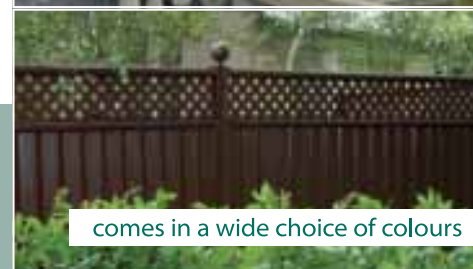
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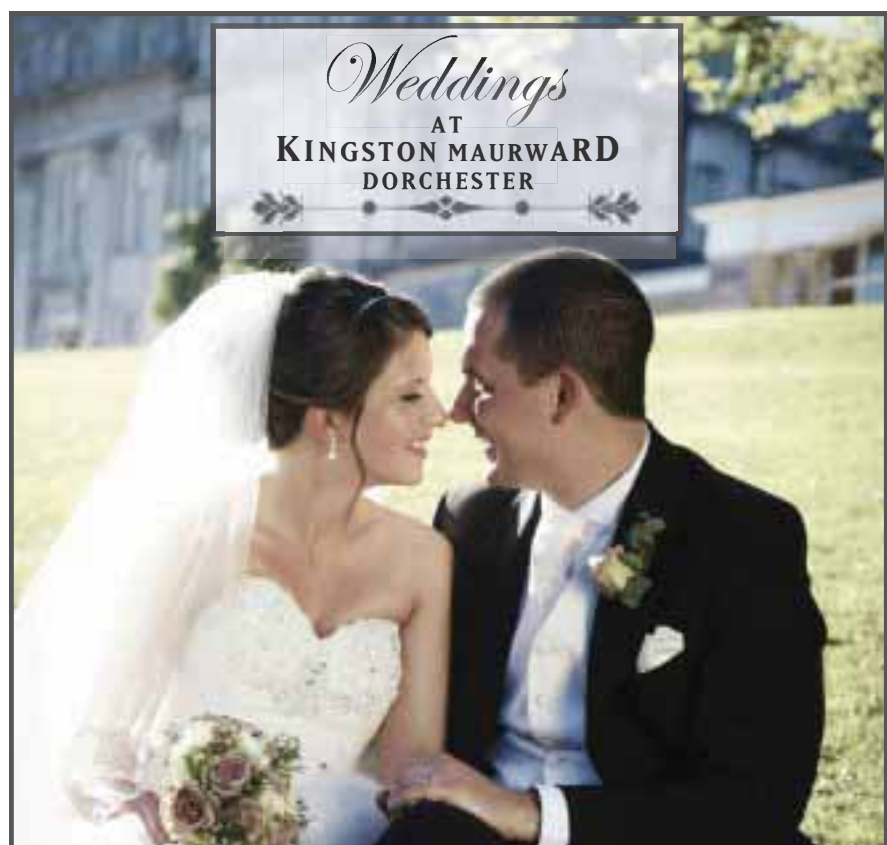
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image can tell an individual story. However she always comes back to her hometown Bridport. Catherine's photography career has spanned 9 years, with her love of weddings beginning in 2003 when she photographed her first wedding. 'I remember it so well, I was terrified! At the end I turned to my assistant and looking like he was going to pass out, he said 'I am never doing that again' I said 'that was so much fun' and so it

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Her professionalism has been recognised with ten awards - five silvers and five bronzes - from Cake International's showcase exhibitions in London and Birmingham and other awards from the British Sugarcraft Guild.

The increase in business and the popularity of

her amazing cakes is such that Heather is taking on a new member of staff, a keen young apprentice, to learn the skills of cakecraft. Heather's fast growing customer base is hungry for her skills in wedding cakes - traditional or quirky - and 3-D birthday, anniversary or celebration cakes, whether plain or elaborate. The number of 'Likes' on the 'Fancy That' Facebook page is testament to the growing band of admirers and satisfied customers, many of whom come back for more! Have a look at her webpage at www.facebook.com/fancythat66 for a taste of what others have enjoyed!

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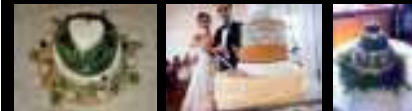
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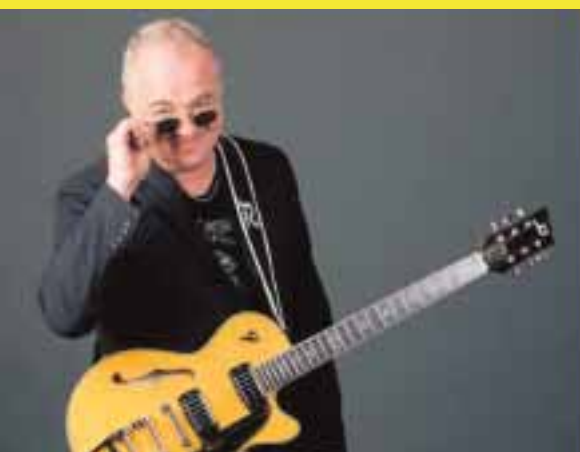
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TESTING, TESTING

Circus Geeks bring their show 'Beta Testing' to Lyme Regis, Bridport and Dorchester

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MCINTOSH & WATKINS

Rare musical treat in Weymouth *see page 30*



HARP AND FLUTE FANTASIA

Amalthea duo return to Dorset *see page 29*



ROBIN'S WINTER ADVENTURE

Half term fun at Bridport Arts Centre *see page 33*

TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

upcoming gigs

Saturday 14 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Lizzards 9.30pm
John Nelson, DORCHESTER
Lord De Barra

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Alan West & Steve Black

Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER

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7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Ben Poole
Doors 7pm.
£10+bf adv/ £12 door. Bring your date for free - buy one ticket, get the other free!

Sunday 15 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Grouvecat 4-6pm

Saturday 21 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Daytona 9.30pm
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Real Deal

Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER
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7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

Old Town Hall, WEYMOUTH
Robbie McIntosh & Ken Watkins
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Sunday 22 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Cadenza 4-6pm

Saturday 28 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Tripod 9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Mojo

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Fairport Convention
Doors 7.30pm.
£21+bf adv / £23 door

Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER
Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar
7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

Sunday 1 March
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Jamming at the Crown 4-6pm
Durnovaria, DORCHESTER
Latemouth Blake (Stomp'n' Dave's vintage blues alter ego) 3-5pm

Saturday 7 March
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Relics

Saturday 14 March
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Bug Tree Swamp

A rare musical treat

AN EVENING WITH ROBBIE MCINTOSH AND KEN WATKINS

AN EVENING with Robbie McIntosh and Ken Watkins is a rare treat indeed; they last played a show together in 1988 and now, 27 years later, are back for a one-off concert.

Performing at one of Weymouth's most lovely architectural gems, the Old Town Hall on High West Street, Robbie and Ken's gig promises to be an informal night with a diverse set of songs, reflecting their mutual musical interests, as well as plenty of banter and good humour.

Robbie is currently promoting his latest CD, Turn Up for The Books and having spent most

of last year touring with Sir Tom Jones, is now focusing on his own material and his own band. He has taken time out to play this show with Ken, a musician with whom he shares a close musical sensibility.

Making a welcome return to the live music scene after a few years' break, Ken is looking forward to performing in front of a listening audience once again. His recent CD, That Enjoyed Me is testament to some of his great live shows with Robbie and other musicians and this one is guaranteed to make an indelible impression on anyone lucky enough to get a ticket.

A guest appearance by singer Lucy Watkins whose mellow, textured voice always leaves audiences captivated is sure to augment this sublime musical collaboration.

Tickets are £10 and limited to 70, so ring 01305 837299 to ensure you are able to partake of this rare musical feast!

There is no bar in the venue, but you are welcome to bring your own drinks. (Glasses will be provided).

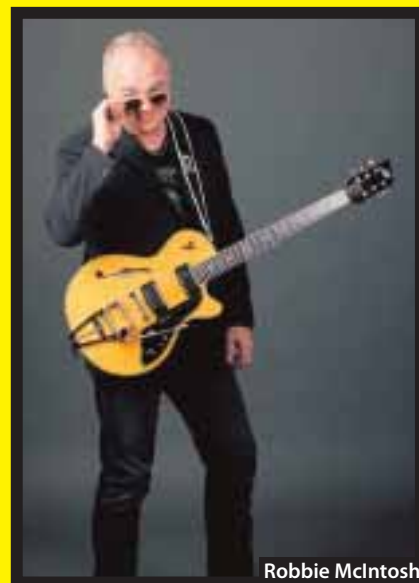
Robbie and Ken will be selling their CDs on the night.

An evening with Robbie McIntosh and Ken Watkins takes place at Old Town Hall, High West

Street, Weymouth on Saturday, February 21st at 8pm. Tickets are £10 from 01305 837299.



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Amalthea duo return to Dorset

FLUTE AND HARP FANTASIA

WITH a wide-ranging repertoire, Amalthea flute and harp duo brings the past to the present whilst exploring music from different continents and cultures.

Flautist Klio Blonz has performed extensively both as a soloist and ensemble player around the globe, and including appearances at the Mayfield Festival, Brighton Festival, Demetria Festival and the International Music Festival of Cyclades. She has commissioned and premiered works at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the National Portrait Gallery, Blackheath Halls, St James's Piccadilly, St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Hellenic Centre in London and is also a co-founder of the Leto Ensemble, which has been broadcast by BBC Radio 3 and is actively performing in the UK and abroad.

Siobhan Swider began playing the harp at The Interlochen Arts Academy, went onto study the harp at The University of Michigan, and then at Trinity College of Music London. Her extensive repertoire covers classical, popular, jazz and folk genres. Siobhan has performed at various prestigious venues around London such as Somerset House, the Royal Academy of Arts, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey, and as a soloist for Nelson Mandela, HRH Prince Charles, HRH The Queen and The Princess of Thailand. She has worked with numerous orchestras such as The City of Moscow Ballet, London Sinfonia and The Amadeus Orchestra.

Returning to Dorset once more for a series of special performances for Artsreach, the duo will present music by De-

bussy, Shankar, Mozart, Chopin and Ravel amongst others; expect a beautiful blend of sounds and a real feast for the ears.

Amalthea flute and harp duo play at Martinstown Village Hall on Saturday, February 28th at 7.30pm. To book or for more details call 01305 889963 or visit www.artsreach.co.uk



Amalthea

A little taste of Paris in Dorchester this Valentine's

DORCHESTER Arts is offering a truly unique Valentine's Special this February with a welcome return for Eve Loiseau performing *Piaf - The Songs* on Saturday, February 14th at the Corn Exchange.

This hit show has been on tour across the globe since 2011 to great acclaim, and now returns in a celebration of this, the centenary year of Edith Piaf's birth.

Having sold out the Corn Exchange on her last visit to Dorchester, Eve will perform all the great classics and as a special Valentine's treat the programme will also feature *Enfin le Printemps* and other romantic songs not performed last time.

Edith Piaf, has become synonymous with French Cabaret of the 1940s and 50s and remains France's most popular singer.

Eve Loiseau's passion for Piaf developed at a young age, around the dining table in South East France. Coming from a French family of singers, long summer meals were often rounded off with French chansons. Piaf is inimitable, but Eve's lustrous French tone captures the essence of the Piaf performance in this tribute to the 'Little Sparrow'.

This powerful celebration of Piaf's repertoire will be accompanied by Fiona Barrow on violin and Murray Grainger on accordion, whose credentials include Kneehigh Theatre



Eve Loiseau

and Canteve Vocale.

Continuing their on-going relations with local businesses Dorchester Arts is pleased to welcome Côte, the new French restaurant to the county town and is delighted to have them on board as a sponsor for this show.

Located in Brewery Square, Côte serves authentic French dishes with a modern twist. 'We passionately and proudly support the Dorchester Arts, which we see as the perfect way to embed Côte within the local community', says a spokesperson for Côte. 'Working in conjunction with the Arts Centre has enhanced and added extra value to the experience of our guests. Côte is the perfect place for a quick lunch or a pre-show dinner'. As an added extra Côte will also have a special offer voucher available to all audience members on the night.

Piaf - The Songs is at the Corn Exchange, Dorchester on Saturday, February 14th at 8pm. To book tickets call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

New play about "the Shrewsbury 24" comes to the Marine Theatre

UNITED WE STAND, a new play based on the story of "Shrewsbury 24", when 24 building workers were accused and three jailed for violent picketing and intimidating workers in Shropshire in 1973, is set to perform at the Marine Theatre on Saturday, February 14th.

In the 1960s and 70s the UK's building companies were making millions rebuilding the country, but building workers faced the most dangerous working conditions and poorest wages of any trade. In the summer of '72, for twelve weeks, 300,000 building workers launched their industry's first national all-out strike to end cash "lump" wages and seek better pay by using the controversial tactic of 'Flying Pickets'. The partial success of the strike, and the methods used, enraged the construction industry and government, and culminated in the arrest of 24 builders in North Wales who were charged with offences including conspiracy to intimidate and affray. The "24" were prosecuted at Shrewsbury Crown Court in 1973 and three were jailed, including building workers Des Warren and Ricky Tomlinson.

Sharp and humorous, *United We Stand* tells the story behind the compelling dispute and dispels the myth, put about at the time, that the pickets were a criminally violent rather than ordinary working men seeking a better life for themselves and their fellow workers.

Combining Townsend Productions'

trademark cast of two playing multiple roles, grand theatrical style and wit with popular and political songs about the strike, arranged by renowned folk musician John Kirkpatrick and Ricky Tomlinson's poems from his time in prison, the production aims to bring the full story of the compelling dispute to life in a powerful and thought-provoking new play.

The events surrounding the strike are still making headlines to this day, and 42 years on, the high-profile Shrewsbury 24 Campaign, led by picket turned actor Ricky Tomlinson is still seeking to overturn the unjust prosecution of the 24 building workers.

Ricky Tomlinson said about the play, "I am delighted The Townsend Theatre Company are presenting a play about the 1972 building workers strike, and the plight of the Shrewsbury 24 building worker pickets. It is 41 years since I, together with Des Warren and John McKinsie Jones, were charged with conspiracy and jailed.

"We were charged with conspiracy, but we believe the real conspiracy was between the government, the building contractors and the judiciary. They



The Shrewsbury 24

wanted the prison sentences to act as a deterrent, to prevent workers from taking strike action.

"Every worker should know what happened to us so as to ensure it does not happen again."

United We Stand is directed by Louise Townsend and will feature in its cast Neil Gore and William Fox.

The performance takes place on Saturday, February 14th at 7.30pm at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis. Tickets are £10 or £8 (Concessions). To book tickets, contact TIC on 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com.

♦ **The show will also visit Bridport and Dorchester Arts Centres - visit the websites at www.bridport-arts.com or www.dorchesterarts.org.uk for more details.**

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Free half-term fun for families at The Electric Palace



THERE'S a week of free entertainment for families over half-term at The Electric Palace, Bridport. Music workshops and singalong Disney films are among the fun things to do at the venue from 14 to 21 February.

Children aged 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Start times are approximate only.

On Saturday, February 14th the Café opens from 9.30am, and from 10am-11am a ukulele playing workshop for children aged 7 and under will take place. Come along and have fun playing this great little instrument. All instruments and guidance supplied. From 11.30am-12.45pm there will be a special screening of 1967 Disney classic *The Jungle Book*.

Three popular animated films will be shown on Wednesday, February 18: *The Little Mermaid* 10.30-11.45am, *Frozen Singalong* from 12.30-3pm, and *The Lion King* from 2.30-4pm.

On Saturday, February 21st Beauty and the Beast will be shown from 10.30-11.45am. At 2pm National Theatre Live's *Treasure Island* will be screened. Tickets are £10 plus booking fee, or £12 plus booking fee on the door or online at See Tickets.com. For children aged 10+ and adults.

Johannes Möller back in Dorchester

Swedish-born guitarist and composer Johannes Möller returns to Dorchester on Sunday, March 22nd following his rapturously received Festival performance in May 2014. The intimate setting of the Arts Centre is the perfect location for him to demonstrate the refinery of sounds the classical guitar can offer. His delightful programme will include some of his highly praised interpretations of Spanish and romantic guitar music as well as some of his most recent original compositions.

Tickets are £12 and £10 for members and concessions. To book call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit www.dorchester-arts.org.uk



Johannes Möller



FANCY a fun night out? Staff at Bridport Arts Centre are inviting you to take part in a charity quiz, with Director Laura Cockett as the MC.

The event will take place at the Arts Centre on Friday, February 20th from 7.30pm and there will be a range of rounds covering everything from music, arts, sport and love (well, it is February!).

The funds from this event will go towards improving Bridport Arts Centre's bathroom facilities.

Marketing Manager Lisa Wilcock said "Join us for a fun night out with complementary roast potatoes for all and prizes for the winners. Best of all the money is going towards reviving the bathroom facilities so the whole town can have an even more wonderful Arts Centre".

Come along for a fun night out for a great cause. Tickets are £5 each for teams of up to six people. Book your ticket online at www.bridport-arts.com or call the box office on 01308 424204

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THE LION KING

Saturday 21 February
10.30-11.45am
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Wednesday 11 February
Royal Shakespeare Company screening: LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST

Doors open 6pm start 7pm
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Saturday 14 February
BEN POOLE

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Doors 7pm/ start 8pm



Saturday 21 February
National Theatre Live presents: TREASURE ISLAND
Matinee screening at 2pm.
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Monday 23 February
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Friday 27 February
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This week's new cinema

FIFTY SHADES OF GREY¹⁸

LITERATURE student Anastasia Steele's life changes forever when she meets handsome, yet tormented, billionaire Christian Grey.

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AFTER Ben and George get married, George is fired from his teaching post, forcing them to stay with friends separately while they sell their place and look for cheaper housing - a situation that weighs heavily on all involved.

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DOWN DOG¹⁵

FROM the writer of Men Behaving Badly. A high flying sex addict tries to connect with his teenage son by teaching him how to get the girl he likes. But soon he discovers that in his world nothing is what it seems.

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Wild¹⁵

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The Babadook¹⁵

Thu: 19.30

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Big Hero 6^{PG}

Daily: 12.45, 14.00, 15.15, 16.30,

17.45, plus Sat: 11.30,

plus Sun-Thu: 10.15, 11.30

Kingsman: The Secret Service¹⁵

Daily: 14.25, 17.15, 20.05

plus Sat-Thu: 11.35

Shaun the Sheep The Movie^U

Daily: 12.10, 13.15, 14.15,

15.20, 16.20, 18.25

plus Sat-Thu: 11.10am

Fifty Shades of Grey¹⁵

Daily: 11.00, 12.30, 13.55, 15.15,

16.50, 18.00, 19.00, 19.45,

20.15, 20.45 (excl Fri: 11.00am)

The Interview¹⁵

Fri: 12.00, 15.30, 20.50

Sun, Tue-Thu: 20.50

Selma^{12A}

Fri, Sun: 18.05, 20.30

Sat, Mon-Thu: 18.05

American Sniper¹⁵

Fri, Sun, Tue-Thu: 16.35, 19.30

Sat: 16.35, 20.30

Mon: 16.35, 20.50

Alexander and the Terrible,

Horrible, No Good, Very Bad

Day^{PG} Sat: 10.45am

The Boxtrolls^{PG}

Sat & Sun: 10.20am

The Theory of Everything^{12A}

Sat, Mon, Wed: 12.30

Peppa Pig: The Golden Boots^U

Sat-Thu: 10.00, 11.30, 13.00, 14.30

Project Almanac^{12A}

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Paddington^{PG}

Mon-Thu: 10.30am

Testament of Youth^{12A}

Fri, Sun, Tue, Thu: 12.30

The Book Of Life^U

Sat: 10.00am



Half term excitement at Bridport Arts Centre



Robin's Winter Adventure

THIS February Half Term Bridport Arts Centre is offering theatre performances and take part activities to entertain the whole family. Performances include *A Robin's Winter Adventure* for younger children, and workshops include Aerial Silks and Hoop Trapeze with Charlie Booth and surrealism for kids art workshops.

The week of activities will begin on Saturday, February 14th at 2pm with Pied Piper Theatre Company's version of *Robin's Winter Adventure*. It is the incredible story of a young

boy's journey with a feathered friend, who helps him face the challenge of moving from his cosy village to the hustle and bustle of London.

It's a heart-warming tale told with rhythm and rhyme, music, song and laughter plus two wonderfully captivating Robin Red Breast puppets.

Next up there are two short aerial silks workshops with Charlie Booth on Monday, February 16th, 2.30pm. The aerial silks is a circus discipline that develops strength and flexibility, but also the skills of balance and counter balance. The morning course from 10.30am – 12pm will be for children aged 8-11 and the afternoon course from 12.30 - 2pm will be for ages 12+.

These classes can be a challenging but they are also completely exhilarating. There will be a chance for people aged 12+ to learn how to use the hoop trapeze on February 16th, 2.30pm. The workshop involves looking at the movement within the hoop to smoothly achieve transitions from one move to another. This acrobatic workshop is enormous fun whilst being challenging.



Charlie Booth

Later in the week there will be an arty workshop for children aged 5-7 with Angie Porter. Inspired by the Arts Centre's current surrealist exhibition it gives children the chance to engage with word play and picture making. Participants will create their own dreamscapes through drawing and making collages.

Director Laura Cockett said "We have a wide range of activities we have on offer at the Arts Centre during half term

week. From the Robin's winter adventure to Circus Geeks, there's something to entertain everybody. We're looking forward to seeing the Arts Centre bustling with young visitors".

Tickets are available from Bridport Arts Centre box office by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

Showstopping circus as you have never seen it before!



Circus Geeks

BETA TESTING is a show stopping performance that reveals circus as you've never seen it before, and it's heading to Bridport Arts Centre, the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis and Dorchester Arts this February.

It stars three young professional jugglers who are taking a road trip to show you life behind the scenes in their curious profession. By nature juggling is obsessive and super geeky, this show explores what happens when obsession spirals out of control. You can expect comedy and real life stories combined with show stopping skill.

The trio started a blog called Circus Geeks after a particularly late night conversation about the definition of juggling, art and how to make the perfect pizza. They all agreed that there was not

enough information, ideas and connection amongst circus artists and the wider world.

Circus Geeks now has 30,000 followers across the globe, this show is based on it's most popular and exciting posts.

All performers are graduates of, and now teachers at the UK's top circus schools, these men are professional jugglers and the show looks at everything this entails including the strange and wonderful things that people ask professional jugglers.

Tour manager Lauren Hendry said "Expect the unexpected when Circus Geeks start their tour in Dorset next month, there will be leftfield comedy, juggling with chairs and an intriguing mix of the spectacular and the personal"

Circus Geeks – Beta Testing tour dates include:

Bridport Arts Centre on Wednesday, February 18th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12, £11, £10, available from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424 204.

Dorchester Corn Exchange on Friday, February 20th at 8pm. Tickets are £10, £8, £5 available from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or by calling 01305 266926. Free juggling workshops for 13-18 yr olds are available on the day at Dorchester Arts Centre – booking is essential.

Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday, February 22nd at 6pm. Tickets are £10 and £8, from www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.

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LYME REGIS

Sunday 22 Feb. 6pm
Box Office 01297 442138
www.marinetheatre.com

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Barnardo's Helpers' Group Cakes & Bakes. Bring some, buy some. At United Church Hall, 10am-12noon. In aid of Barnardo's.

DORCHESTER: Film: 'Fly Away Home' showing at Evergreens Cinema, at Age UK Dorchester, Prince of Wales Road. Lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served during the showing, for just £1.50. Everyone welcome. Details: 01305 269444.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

BEAMINSTER: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snow-drop Memorial Services of Remembrance at St Mary's Church at 11am.

DORCHESTER: The Thursday Group will meet in St. George's Church Hall, Fordington to hear a talk by Rev Anita Thorne 'Memories from 8 years living and working on the Isle and Royal Manor of Portland.' Starting at 2.15pm the charge is £1 to cover tea/coffee.

DORCHESTER: Richard Lane, President of Diabetes UK, will talk about the work of Diabetes UK and how the charity is working to improve care for everyone affected by diabetes. At the Dorford Centre (DT1 1RR - opposite Top o' Town car park), 7pm for 7.30pm. The talk will be preceded by the West Dorset Group's AGM. Everyone affected by diabetes is welcome to attend.

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'The World of Hellebores'. An illustrated talk by Diana Guy, a BBC Gardener of the Year and specialist in hellebores, looking at the range of species and cultivars of hellebores for the garden and how to use them to good effect. At 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College, DT2 8PY. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1 at door). Details from 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Workshop on Close up and Macro images. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

WEYMOUTH: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snow-drop Memorial Services of Remembrance at Holy Trinity Church at 2pm.

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: University of the Third Age Coffee Morning 10am to noon. For the retired and semi-retired to learn (or teach) in groups. Come along and meet the group leaders and sign up for one or more of approx. 40 different subjects, everything from table tennis to geology. At Woodmead Hall, Hill Road. Entry is free. More information about the U3A at lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297 444566.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

BEAMINSTER: Yarn Barton Community Centre Table top Sale in the Public Hall. 9am-2pm. Tables £15. If you would like a table please call Sally on 01308 862657 or call in at Yarn Barton Centre in Fleet Street. Entrance will be free and there will be home made refreshments.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

OSMINGTON: Heather Foster explores different eras of music in Music Through The Ages, for Osmington Recorded Music Society, at Osmington Village Hall, Shortlake Lane, from 2.15pm. Plenty of car parking available. Further details from 01305 262121, or email: heather.foster1@btinternet.com

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

DORCHESTER: Thursday Group Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party from 3-4.30pm in St. George's Church Hall. Charge £1.50

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2-4pm at Woodmead Halls. Sue Fawthorpe will be giving us ideas to upcycle and renegotiate a picture using collage, oil pastels etc. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: St Mary's Mothers Union Pancake Lunch at Church House, 12noon-1.30pm. No charge, but donation welcomed in aid of Holidays for families falling on hard times. For more details call Eileen on 01308 422590

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

The Whispering Road

NORDIC novels are all the rage at the moment with the likes of Stieg Larsson and Henning Mankell's 'Kurt Wallander' books frequently dominating the bestseller lists. But what happens when you combine dark Scandinavian tales with brooding folk music?

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Internationally renowned storyteller and singer Nick Hennessey, who has performed across the

world, in Japan, Canada, the United States and Scandinavia, is joined by the UK's leading expert in the Swedish nyckelharpa Vicki Swan and Jonny Dyer, a performer, arranger and composer whose outstanding technical ability, coupled with a wide-ranging musical taste has made him a tireless and forceful musical innovator.

Leaping between song, music and the spoken word, the international touring group seriouskitchen deliver an electrifying performance, leading you on a fantastical journey to a land where every bird and beast has power and every encounter a deeper purpose.

Expect a night of sublime music and outstanding storytelling as they return to Dorset this spring.

Seriouskitchen perform The Whispering Road at Broadwindsor Comrades Hall on Friday, February 27th at 7.30pm. To book or for more details call 01308 867644 or visit www.artsreach.co.uk

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EYPE: West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society meeting. 'Inn Signia: Pub Signs, the artwork and stories behind the names', by Mr John Ericson. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm at St Martin's Community Hall Broadmayne, (Next to the Church) Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, , Bric-a-brac books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Blues & Jazz presents 'Shades of Ella' performed by Julie Dunn and Andy Christie. Plus a show of Rhythm & Blues from the Jim Luck Blues Band. At Beaminster Town Hall. Doors and bar open 7.30pm, music 8-10pm. Tickets £10 from Yarn Barton Mon-Fri 9.30-12.30p or by calling 01308 861746.

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CHARMOUTH: Bingo at St Andrew's Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH & SATURDAY 21ST

DORCHESTER: The United Church Players present 'At The Movies' a Musical Revue with Songs, Sketches and Drama in the United Church Hall, Charles Street. 7pm on Friday, 2.30pm and 7pm on Saturday. Tickets at £4 each available from the Church Shop. Proceeds to National Stroke Association.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

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BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEYMOUTH: Jim Davis presents a programme played by top bands in Marching And Waltzing, for Weymouth Classical Recorded Music Society at the Acorns, Grosvenor Road, Weymouth from 7.30pm. Further details: Tel 779787

ABBOTSBURY: New pre-school dance class at Strangways Hall, 11-11.30am Mondays during term time. Fun ballet, music and movement for boys and girls aged 2.5-4 years old. Taught by Kathy Davies. For more details call 01305 871331.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society talk 'Hidden Gardens of London' by Bob Ayers, who knows the nooks and crannies of the Capital well after 30 years in the City of London Police. Members attend free, non-members £3. at Uplyme Village Hall, 7.30pm. For more information see our website, ulhrs.wordpress.com or ring Chairman Jenny Harding on 444034

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Phil Wells' Triptych competition. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

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DORCHESTER: Bournemouth In The Old Days, is the subject of Jim Boudreau's presentation to Dorchester Area Group of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust at the Dorset Room, Colilton Club, County Hall, Dorchester, 7.30pm. Further details from 01305 262121, or email: heather.foster1@btinternet.com

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It features the previously optional 'Sport Pack' of exterior styling and interior trim embellishments as standard, and is powered by the 90 hp 0.9-litre TCE turbocharged petrol engine fitted to the former top model, the Dynamique TCE 90.

Standard features unique to the Dynamique S include an aluminium pedal set, red/black part leather upholstery

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The red interior touch pack adds stylish finishing touches to the steering wheel, centre console and air vents, while the exterior touch pack does the same for the front grille insert, door mirrors and side door protectors.

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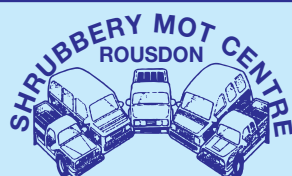
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Dorset football round-up

Walker double sees Magpies bag successive wins

Dorchester Town 3 Arlesey Town 1

Southern League Premier – att; 223

STAND-IN striker Nathan Walker added another two goals to his bulging tally since being asked to lead the Magpies line early last month, as Dorchester Town produced successive victories under new manager Mark Jermyn writes *Stuart Broom*.

This was a game that the hosts could not afford to lose against the side immediately beneath them at the foot of the Southern Premier Division following their superb victory at Hungerford three days earlier, and they went for the jugular from the off.

Jermyn put Ben Watson in wide left in the fourth minute and having evaded keeper Nick Thompson, his acute angled shot struck the front of the post and was cleared.

Walker then glanced Chris Dillon's long throw just wide of the far post before Bradley Tarbuck's vicious volley from the angle of the penalty area flashed just wide of the far post.

Thompson then just managed to hang on to Dan Smith's 22-yard kick by his fingertips, before the Magpies pressure told in the 13th minute.

When the ball broke to Sam Lanahan he threaded a pass through to Watson who just beat Thompson to the ball to finish with aplomb.

Arlesey's first sight of goal came five minutes later when Hallelujah Basmel pounced on an error in the home defence, but fortunately his effort was deflected on to the post by Walker-Harris and subsequently cleared.

Thompson got revenge on Watson soon after when he saved at the striker's feet after being put in by Tarbuck cross. Although home keeper Alan Walker-Harris had to make two fairly routine save from Kim Forsythe and Martel Powell, it was mainly Dorchester and they finally doubled their advantage three minutes from the break.

Walker's first shot from Tarbuck's cut back was blocked, but he followed up to ram home his second attempt.

They almost put the game out of sight three minutes after the break when Jake Smeeton's long ball found Tarbuck wide on the left. His speed saw him cut inside and fire in a low angled shot that beat Thompson but struck the far post.

Smith then beat the Blues keeper to the ball and fired in a fierce angled shot, but first Warren Plowwright and then Sam Willett managed to stop it going over the line.

Eventually the third goal game on the hour when Walker rose unopposed, to head home Smith's corner.

The game became stagnant after this with Dorchester appearing to have settled for what they had, whilst Arlesey showed no signs of piercing the Magpies defence.

Then eight minutes from time Walker-Harris went down at the feet of substitute Leon Lobjoit as the ball ricocheted off a couple of players and referee David Ricketts pointed to the penalty spot. George Ironton converted the spot kick.

This gave the visitors hope and a minute later sub Franck Kegni fired just wide as they went looking for more goals, but Dorchester rode the storm.

In the final minute Watson almost added a fourth after Walker had headed a flick on into his path, but the ball bobbed on the surface just as he went to shoot and Thompson saved.

Quick start is just right for Crittenden

DORCHESTER Town's second flying start in as many weeks is a tactic the new management team have looked to implement as they fight for Southern League Premier Division survival.

Speaking after the 3-1 victory over their fellow strugglers, assistant manager Nick Crittenden said: "We've done that the last two or three games; what we are looking to do is kill teams off."

"We've started to create a lot of chances going forward, we're looking more solid at the back, and Jamie Gleeson and Lewis Morgan have been dominating games for us in midfield."

"We now just want that extra bit of quality to finish teams off by scoring a better percentage of the chances we create."

"I think we were quite comfortable all the game and I don't think they caused us too many problems at all, and it was disappointing not to have kept a clean sheet."

Ben Watson scored the Magpies first goal, his first in open play since returning to the club, with Nathan Walker, who has been used as a striker in the last few games, bagging the other two.

Crittenden said of Watson, back for his second spell at The Avenue: "Ben is a quality player. Although perhaps he feels he's not firing on all cylinders, what he

has brought to the team by his experience, his runs and his hold-up play has made us a better team."

"He gives us better opportunities with his unselfish running creating chances for other people, and now he's got that goal we believe that they will keep coming."

He said of Walker, who has quashed speculation of a move to Gosport Borough following an approach by the Conference South outfit last week by confirming he will see out his contract at Dorchester: "Nathan seems like a different character."

"We know that one day he will probably have to go back in defence, but why should we move him at the moment when he is doing such a great job for us? He's hard to play against, wins the majority of his flick-on's and puts himself about."

"He knows his limitations, does things simply and has been quite effective for us."

Jermyn quality on and off field

ASKED the reason for the change in the team performance since he and manager Mark Jermyn had been put in charge, Crittenden felt a lot of what the Magpies are doing well on the pitch stems from Jermyn's qualities as a player.

"Everyone goes on about Mark as a manager, but as a player he has given us stability at the back. He's an organiser and he gets people around him, and he doesn't let them switch off for a second."

"You can see out on the pitch that we look so much more solid and other teams aren't getting as many chances against us as they were."

We've got the extra man at the back and we're also creating chances as well. It appears that everyone in the club has a new lease of life."

happy on the touchline

SO often the architect of many of the Magpies successes, former Glover Crittenden admitted he was enjoying life on the touchline, but is ready for action should he be required.



◆ **RESPECTED:** Assistant manager Nick Crittenden wrapped up against the cold, helps take the players through their warm-up routine.

The midfielder was plagued with a hamstring injury earlier in the season but is now back to fitness."

"I love it. I feel I get as much, if not more of a buzz in winning, than as a player. I'm fit, but at the moment the boys are doing so well why should I put myself in; but should I be required, I'm ready."

"But I'm happy to stand on the sideline and bring my experience to the lads."

DORSET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Senior League

THE Balti House maintained their six-point lead with a 5-0 win over bottom side Portland Utd Res with goals from Grant Chance (2), Ethan Devaney, Charlie Kenderdine and Ricky Lane.

Chickerell Utd returned to winning ways with a 5-0 victory over their visitors Witchampton Utd with Dan Welch and Joshua Why both netting a brace and one for Jamie Rawlins.

Three goals in the last ten minutes saw Dorchester Sports take maximum points on their trip to Okeford with a 3-0 win.

Sturminster Newton Utd completed the double over third placed South Cheriton with a 5-2 win with goals from Liam Samways (3), Neil Sweatman and Wayne Moussalli.

Division One

BOTTOM side Poundbury Rovers went down 6-1 at home to Lytchett RT with the hosts' goal coming from Jordan Butler.

Division Two

PORTESHAM Utd earned a valuable point in their 0-0 draw at fourth place Wyke Regis SC, while Portland Town moved up into the top five with a 4-2 victory over Piddlehinton Utd with goals from Daniel Sheppard, Alex Counter, Elliott Gould and Simon Proffitt.

Chickerell Utd Res stay at the foot of the table despite their 3-2 win at Broadstone.

Division Three

PUDDLETOWN beat leaders Stickland Utd 5-2 at the Rec with goals from Elliott Byerly (2), Jonathan Coward, Chris Read and Iain Travers.

Stalbridge gained their first win since early October and moved off the foot of the table following their 8-1 success against their visitors Portland Town Reserves.

Division Four

PORTLAND Utd Youth kept up their unbeaten record and go six points clear following their 4-1 win at South Cheriton Res, as Fleetline lost ground following their 3-2 home defeat to Kangaroo Reserves.

Goals from Matt Dear and Simon Shapcott could not stop UFC Poundbury going down 3-2 against visitors Pimperne SS.

Division Five

BOTTOM side Portland Town B earned a valuable point in their 3-3 home draw with AFC Blandford Res courtesy of goals from Paul Cole (2) and Sam Hayne.

Weymouth Basketball

Lost Raiders find winning way

North Devon 48

Message Weymouth Raiders 61

AFTER their loss in the cup, Massage Weymouth Raiders travelled away to North Devon in a must-win game to stay in the chase for the Exeter & District Division Two title.

However, with half the Raiders team getting lost en-route and turning up with five minutes till tip, they started cold and slow.

Luckily North Devon found themselves in early foul trouble putting Weymouth to the line six times in the first quarter which helped the visitors stay within six points.

With a large portion of the points, including a three pointer from MVP Piotr Lason in the second quarter, Raiders still finished the first half trailing 31-34.

The second half saw a much different

Raiders side, with points coming from all players.

Andy Steel with a three to start the half, some great team defence, and fast breaks from Dan Park, saw Weymouth start pulling away from the tired looking North Devon side.

The final quarter saw Raiders outscore North Devon 15-4, again with great team defence, fast breaks and a three pointer from Park to finish the game 61-48.

Coach Craig Sorrell said: "Overall it was a great team effort with every player contributing to the game in some way, whether it was through scoring, rebounding or just great hustle defence."

Roster/Scorers: Piotr Lason 24, Dan Park 14, Andy Steel 9, Scott White 5, Simon Dean 5, Pavel Dimitrov 4, Jerry Thompson.

Table tennis

Budmouth B still boast 100 percent record

BUDMOUTH B made it 12 out of 12 with a comfortable 28-5 win at Springfield B, although the hosts did only have two players. Second placed Budmouth C had an equally comfortable night against bottom side Preston C, recording a 29-4 win at the school.

Shipton Gorge B registered maximum points against Colliton C securing a 30-11 win. In a tight local derby, Preston B maintained their slender league position advantage over Preston A with a 24-16 victory.

With the top three in Division 3 not playing it left Shipton Gorge C the opportunity to make a dent in their lead, and they duly obliged by earning a 22-12 win over Preston D. Pilgrims B visited Budmouth to play the girls of their E team and went home happy after a 26-10 win.

The experience of Brian Hawker, Richard Ellerby and Alec Bailey saw them home but Snigdha Maganti beat

both Ellerby and Bailey. The match against Bailey was an epic with Maganti coming from two sets down to secure victory.

Despite scoring maximum points in his singles matches, Roy Sharp was unable to stop Wyke C from falling to defeat to Dorset Youth B by a 21-13 score line.

This was a tight one that could have gone either way right up until the final singles match with Mick Hogben securing the win with victory over John Southway.

Wyke M moved up in to third place in Division 1 this week with a 24-14 home win over YMCA. Red Triangle closed the gap on Colliton X in beating them 25-11.

Pilgrims A's cup form continues to desert them as they still look for their first league win. Shipton Gorge A were their conquerors this week running out 23-16 winners.



◆ **MAXIMUM POINTS:** Shipton Gorge B (from left); Brian Cammell, Derek Wheeler and Graham Albertella who scored maximum points against Colliton C.

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| Rousdon Rebels | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| Wreckers | 7 | 10 | 9 |
| Alleytwits | 7 | 10 | 3 |
| Miscellaneous | 6 | 8 | 9 |
| Trappers | 7 | 8 | 8 |
| President's Men | 6 | 4 | 5 |
| Shakers | 7 | 4 | 4 |
| Skittle me Timbers | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| British Legion | 7 | 0 | 2 |

February Cup Fixtures
Monday, February 16th
LADIES DOUG CLARK CUP
Generations v Hot Gossips
La Crème v
Wootton Wobblers

Wednesday, February 18th
Men's Pairs
ROCK POINT
K Bearpark & J Rickard,
J Parkson & T Tozer,
P Grinter & L Dare,
M Williams & A Aldworth,
N Chapman & C Marchant,
M Croad & R Bevis,
P Rattenbury & P Liston,
A Critchard & C Wrixon.

GEORGE
P Hodder & L Hodder,
M Denning & J Bennett,
T Edwards & S Flux,
A Churchill & D Welsh,
R Bovill & S Smith,
P Bright & R Chapple,
R Tucker & K Pratt,
P Kirkman & J Stamp.

Friday 20th February
Men's Cornish Cup
Marksman v Flyers
Anthill Mob v Trappers
Skippy's Six v Roadrunners
Wreckers v No Hoppers

Hockey

Hawks gain revenge to stay in touch

West Dorset Hawks 4 PGSOB A 2
HAVING lost to PGSOB earlier in the season the Hawks wanted revenge on a team they felt they should have beaten. However, half of the West Dorset team did not turn up until the start time which led to a sluggish first 10 minutes, and they duly fell 1-0 down.

Eventually the Hawks started to string some passes together putting pressure on PGSOB.

The midfield duo of Dan Wyatt and captain Rick Dormor were linking well with Steve Mearing and Mike Thompson, and after a clever ball was slide through a gap by Wyatt, Dormor beat a defender and shot on goal. His effort was parried by the visiting keeper but Thompson knocked in the rebound for the equaliser.

They were then caught napping again just after the break and succumbed to another goal from the visitors, which appeared to motivate them to move up a gear ensure the win.

It was only a matter of time before Hawks replied - they did not have to wait long.

After a number of short corners that did not seem to work, they made a hash of their original plan from another, and instead hit the ball into the danger area where Alex Davis snapped up a rebound to equalise for a second time.

Shortly afterwards Rusty Coombes won the ball back in midfield before picking out the Thompson who dribbled the ball through a number of tackles before smashing the ball into the corner to give West Dorset the lead.

With their noses in front they weren't going to give away the lead, and Jim Bowditch beat his marker before finding Mearing who thrashed home a fourth goal.

Skipper Dormer said: "Special mention should go to Mike Thompson who had a great game, not only scoring two goals but for constantly hassling of the Plymouth defence, and to Lee Connally and Gavin Brooking for some great composure on the ball when under pressure."

The win takes the Hawks back into third spot with a two point lead on Sidmouth & Ottery A and Camborne SoM who drew 3-3.

West Dorset A who did not have a game slipped to third on goal difference after North Devon A beat bottom side Sidmouth & Ottery D 9-0, but they do have a game in hand.

Beaminster win through after slow start

YEovil & Sherborne 3rd 1 BEAMINSTER 3

BOTH sides took time to get acclimatised to the Arctic conditions at Yeovil Rec at Chilton Grove on Saturday, resulting in a scrappy game to start with, but it was Yeovil's team of experience and youthful runners that got going quickest and dominated possession early on.

As a result they took the lead on 14 minutes from a short corner, and although Lisa Condliffe saved the first shot, the follow up was a fierce drive that took a deflection off a stick and flew into the top corner.

Slowly Beaminster got more cohesion in their game and the introduction of Megan Tuck's strength and pace put the hosts defence on the back foot, and they equalised with four minutes of the first half remaining.

A shot following a short corner was saved, but Tuck picked up the rebound and fired a reverse stick undercurt past the keeper.

Yeovil almost regained the lead on the stroke of halftime when a Condliffe made an acrobatic save to keep out a goal bound shot.

A reshuffle at the start of the second half following an injury to Genna Bunker saw Iris Garcia reintroduced, and she produced a wonderful display in midfield that earned her the Player of the Match award.

Bunker's harrying of the opposition was a big influence on Beaminster taking control of the match.

They took the lead ten minutes in when Phoebe Stewart's angle shot was diverted home by Lydia Brooking.

Sustained pressure from Beaminster's younger player Brooking, Tuck, Bella Foot and Garcia shut down Yeovil's midfield supply, although the visiting defence had to be alert to their quick breakaways, whilst slick counter passing saw Beaminster create a number of chances of their own.

They extended their lead 15 minutes from time when Tuck had a shot cleared of the line. The rebound was missed, but Garcia following up fired it into an open goal.

With Bournemouth 3rds losing, Beaminster climb into second spot.

But with the last group of seven games in what is a very competitive league this season to come, it means nothing except they should now have enough points to avoid relegation, something never contemplated after the first seven matches.

BEAMINSTER: Lisa Condliffe, Jenny Clarke, Sarah Davies, Tracey Smith, Izzy Mullins, Lydia Brooking, Julia May, Genna Bunker, Bella Foot, Phoebe Stewart, Iris Garcia, Megan Tuck.

| Channel Div 1 | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Yeovil & Sher 2nd | 14 | 35 |
| Bournemouth 3rd | 12 | 22 |
| BEAMINSTER | 13 | 19 |
| B & SN 2nd | 14 | 16 |
| Salisbury 4th | 14 | 16 |
| Yeovil & Sher 3rd | 13 | 13 |
| Salisbury 3rd | 11 | 13 |
| Gillingham 2nd | 12 | 9 |

| D' Wood Div 1 (top) | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Tavistock | 15 | 42 |
| Isca C | 15 | 30 |
| WEST DORSET | 15 | 24 |
| Sidmth & Ott A | 15 | 24 |
| Camborne SoM | 15 | 23 |
| Bude | 15 | 20 |
| PGSOB A | 15 | 18 |
| Plymouth Uni A | 15 | 17 |
| USHC Plymouth | 15 | 17 |
| East Devon A | 15 | 15 |
| OPM A | 15 | 10 |
| Truro B | 15 | 8 |

| SE 2 Div (top) | Pld | Pts |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| Bridgwater B | 12 | 33 |
| W.DORSET A | 12 | 28 |
| North Devon A | 12 | 25 |
| Ashmoor A | 11 | 20 |
| Chard A | 12 | 18 |
| Bridgwater C | 12 | 18 |
| Sidmth & Ott C | 12 | 18 |
| Minehead B | 12 | 6 |
| Taunton Vale D | 13 | 5 |
| Sidmth & Ott D | 12 | 4 |

Rugby

Young Blues put in spirited performance

Bridport 5 Weymouth & Portland 40
A STRONG and well-organised Weymouth & Portland visited a still depleted Bridport on Saturday and walked away with a convincing win.
As with Swanage & Wareham the previous week however, a young Blues side put up a spirited performance. No less than seven Colts were used, Cullinan Lennon and Joel Vincent-Jones making their first start for the senior side.

First blood, in fact, went to the hosts as a charged down defensive kick fell kindly into Darragh McCoughlin's hands and he went over the try line virtually unopposed. Rory Greening, back from a long injury lay off, was unable to add the conversion.
Weymouth & Portland responded immediately with a converted try and for the next 25 minutes the play ebbed and fro. Bridport were enjoying some good possession and more than one scoring opportunity went begging.

Shortly before the interval however, Weymouth stepped up a gear and landed two tries, one of which was well converted from a tight angle to give the Seaside's a 19-5 halftime lead.

The second half carried on with the visitors in the ascendance and Bridport fighting hard to stay in contention.

Two more converted tries made the deficit stretch

further into the distance, but again Bridport had their moments, forcing four penalties close to their opponents try line. Each time they were stopped agonisingly short.

As the end approached Weymouth's forwards drove over for a sixth try and the conversion went in off the upright.

Harry Richardson was Man of the Match for an excellent all round performance in the back row.

| Dorset & Wilts 2S | Pld | +/ | Pts |
|-------------------------|-----|------|-----|
| East Dorset | 17 | 407 | 76 |
| Salisbury II | 16 | 329 | 61 |
| Swanage & Wareham II | 16 | 287 | 55 |
| Weymouth & Portland | 16 | 242 | 46 |
| Puddletown | 16 | -66 | 44 |
| Dorchester II | 16 | 41 | 39 |
| Bournemouth III | 16 | 59 | 37 |
| BRIDPORT | 16 | -95 | 28 |
| Ellingham & Ringwood II | 16 | -216 | 28 |
| New Milton II | 16 | -249 | 21 |
| Wimborne III | 16 | -370 | 6 |
| North Dorset III | 17 | -369 | -1 |

Bridport 18 U9 Lytchett Minster 6

THIS was another fantastic performance from Bridport with all the players fully engaged and brimming with enthusiasm.

Over two excellent games Bridport beat Lytchett

Minster by 18 tries to six.

Charles Edwards (5), Barney Johnson (3), Man-of-the-Match Dom Burdett (3) Stanley Copper (3), Charlie Brake (2) and Henry Everitt (2) all crossed the whitewash.

Honiton 12 U14 Bridport 26

THE young Blues travelled to Honiton and despite the pitch being heavy underfoot they were not deterred.

Winning the toss, they decided to play up the slope, giving their hosts a slight advantage in the first half.

From the kickoff Honiton failed to secure the ball and Bridport took advantage and the resulting Bridport pressure paid off with a try for Henry Knight under the posts, which was converted by Joe O'Hagan.

From the restart Honiton managed to put some good phases of play together and scored their opening try.

This was followed by another unconverted score leaving the Blues trailing.

At the start of the second half the Bridport started to recycle the ball better and used the width of the field to their advantage. This resulted in a well worked try for Toby Taylor, which went uncon-

verted.

Further forward pressure saw Alfred Jovanovic score a try, for which O'Hagan added the extras.

With Honiton only a converted try behind, a tense finale ensued.

This was eased by Sam Roberts-Wray who touched down after hacking the ball towards the try line, with O'Hagan again converting.

Bridport 52 U12 Lytchett Minster 0

WITH the Blues up to full strength they were alert and keen to win the ball. They fought hard to win the breakdown, were first to the ball and quick to run the next phase.

It was not a perfect performance with too many knock on's and penalties given away, but their dominance masked these mistakes.

This was another great effort from the back line with six of the eight tries scored by Oliver Willis (3), Finlay Shoemark (2) and Harrison Weekes. Their opportunities were the result of a strong pack that won the majority of set play and the loose breakdown.

Ryan Phillips led by example scoring two individual tries.

However, Man of the Match went to loose head Lewis Ali.

Running

Charities to benefit from popular 10k run

MORE than 300 runners are expected to take part in the 2015 Weymouth Bay 10K charity fun run on March 22nd.

The popular annual event will see participants set out from the Riviera Hotel at Bowleaze Cove and run along the sea wall and the Esplanade to the ferry terminal before returning to Overcombe Corner for the finish.

The event is being organised as part of MCC Promotions 10K run series across the UK.

Race director Mark Caswell said: "Everyone taking part will attend a five-minute warm-up outside the hotel.

"Runners will then set off and do two laps of the green open space at Bowleaze before setting off into town to the ferry terminal and back to the finish

at Overcombe Corner.

"Two charities will be benefitting from the event, Crohns and Colitis and Weymouth Cricket Club Youth Section, and we are hoping to raise hundreds of pounds for them.

"Runners can be accepted right up to and on the race day itself.

"It costs £11 each to enter and every runner gets a T-shirt and a medal while there will be trophies for the first three runners home."

WCC chairman John Ryan said: "We are very grateful to be chosen as one of the two causes to be backed by this event."

Anyone who wants more information or who would like to register can call Mark on 07977-831519.



ON YOUR MARKS: Personal trainer and event sponsor Claire Tuck (front) helps the official launch of the Weymouth bay 10Kcharity fun run at the Riviera Hotel.



MATCH ACTION: From Bridports RFC's (quartered shirts) 40-5 defeat against Weymouth & Portland last Saturday.

Bridport Skittles

CUP Fixtures for week beginning Monday, February 16th:

Mixed Fours - R2

Monday, February 16th
BRIDPORT FC: Rest of the Best; PC Tops; Rejects; Focus Four.

Wednesday, February 18th
BRIDPORT FC: Brookside; Fletchers Four; After Eight; Turkish Delights.

| Division A | Pld | Pts |
|-------------|-----|-----|
| Wanderers | 11 | 20 |
| Rejects | 12 | 18 |
| Rockets | 13 | 16 |
| Shipfaced | 11 | 16 |
| Masters | 11 | 14 |
| Rough Eight | 12 | 12 |
| Denhay | 12 | 11 |
| Lively Lads | 12 | 10 |
| Outsiders | 11 | 10 |
| Slingers | 13 | 6 |
| The Dingles | 9 | 4 |
| Broad Oak | 13 | 3 |

| Division B | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Nelson Nobblers | 12 | 22 |
| U Know the Bloses | 13 | 21 |
| Dingbats | 13 | 18 |
| NBC | 13 | 16 |
| Originals | 12 | 14 |
| Crazy Gang | 13 | 10 |
| Gerryatics | 12 | 10 |
| LHS | 13 | 10 |
| Miss The Ball | 13 | 10 |
| 7" Clock | 12 | 8 |
| Bangers | 11 | 7 |
| Mean Machine | 13 | 4 |

| Division C | Pld | Pts |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Countrymen | 13 | 22 |
| Castouts | 13 | 20 |
| Bulldogs | 13 | 18 |
| Whiskey Chasers | 12 | 17 |
| Pioneers | 12 | 16 |
| Strawpeedoes | 13 | 13 |
| Pinseekers | 13 | 11 |
| Aussies Lot | 13 | 10 |
| Alcoholics | 13 | 8 |
| Survivors | 13 | 8 |
| Unknowns | 13 | 8 |
| AFAR | 13 | 3 |

| Division D | Pld | Pts |
|---------------|-----|-----|
| Alleycats | 13 | 18 |
| Yo Yo's | 12 | 18 |
| Groundhogs | 10 | 16 |
| Stinger | 13 | 16 |
| Offcuts | 12 | 13 |
| Brandy Snaps | 12 | 12 |
| Hidden Talent | 12 | 12 |
| Let 'em Roll | 11 | 12 |
| Featherbeds | 12 | 10 |
| Bad Girls | 13 | 7 |
| Pinbashes | 12 | 6 |
| Tiger Lilies | 13 | 4 |

Highest individual League score: A.Coombes (Outsiders) and P.Parsons (Originals) & I Reeve (Miss the Ball) all 92.

Bees news

Cards not falling for Bridport teams

Bridport 1 Cadbury Heath 1

Toolstation Premier - att: 54

JAMIE Symes ended Bridport's three game goal drought by putting the Bees ahead at a freezing cold St Mary's Field last week, but they had to settle for a point in the end with a late own goal from Chris Senior.

The Bees had an early let off when the visitors scored in the third minute, but it was disallowed for offside.

They went close on two other occasions before Bridport had a shot on goal through stand-in striker Shane Evans. Soon after visiting keeper Simon Crawford smothered Sean Stewart's shot on the line.

The Heathens replied and Bees keeper Ashley Weeks was forced to save from Sacha Tong before Senior blocked George Boon's effort.

They continued to take the game to Bridport after the break, but the introduction of subs Symes and Chris Clarke saw the Bees pick up their game, and Crawford produced two superb saves before Symes put the Bees ahead on 76 minutes with a header from Dan Wise's corner.

Matt Morley then hit the side netting before Matt Huxley should have done better in a one-on-one with Weeks.

However, they finally got their reward for their efforts in the last minute when Senior couldn't help but chest the ball in his own net under pressure from Huxley.

Bees boss fuming at red card decisions

WESTLAND SPORTS 6

BRIDPORT RESERVES 2

BRIDPORT Reserves suffered similar controversial refereeing decisions as their first team did at St Mary's Field, when they travelled to Westland Sports.

Russell Legg was red carded early on following an altercation with a Sports player where both received a yellow card following an exchange of words between the two. However, following intervention from the assistant, Legg was subsequently shown a red.

Bees manager Robin Townsend said that he saw Legg move his head towards his opponent but didn't see any contact, but realises the linesman may have seen more and that it was the right decision.

However, he was fuming later when Gary Bulman was brought down by the Sports keeper when clean through on goal, but whilst awarding a penalty the referee did not send the gloveman off.

"In everybody's opinion the goalie should have been sent off; it was a clear goal scoring opportunity which had been denied. If their keeper had been dismissed it could have been a different game."

Although Chris Herbst made no mistake from the penalty spot, it left Bridport a man short, and in the second half they paid for it as they tired.

Sports scored three times before the break to take the lead, but Bulman scored to give the Bees hope after they started the second period on top.

Ben Clarke then missed two great chances to have put Bridport ahead, before tiredness took over and Sports scored three more to add to Bridport's woe.

Townsend concluded: "If we had got to 3-3 and maybe gone 4-3 up then it could have been a different game. I can't blame the referee for the defeat overall, they were great going forward, and we didn't take our chances."

Bridport storm to final

BRIDPORT U15 6 WEYMOUTH 1

BRIDPORT eased into the Dorset County Cup Final for the second year running with a solid 6-1 win over local rivals Weymouth at St Marys Field.

The home side went into this game as solid favourites and they proved why on their day they are the best youth U15 team in Dorset.

Right from the off they got at the visitors with wave after wave of attacking. A late tackle on Tom Hyde, when clean through on goal, earned the home team a penalty which captain Jaydon Scadding converted.

This opened the floodgates and further goals from Callan Lowden, Dane James, Tommy Craven and a brace for Samuel Handyside saw the home side power out of sight.

Weymouth did secure a consolation goal but it was always Bridport's day and they now go on to meet Branksome United looking for revenge for a 1-0 defeat in last year's final.

Foiled by late equaliser

BOURNEMOUTH POPPIES U18 1

BRIDPORT YOUTH 1

FOR the second time this season Bridport Youth saw two points snatched away by a last gasp goal.

Back in September, a deserving Westland Sports made it 3-3 on the final

whistle; on Sunday a 10-man Bournemouth Poppies headed a draw with just seconds to go.

The match was a scrappy affair as both teams struggled to get the ball under control on the decidedly uneven surface.

Bridport's Sam Tabner and Jonah Ayunga both had good chances on goal early in the game but were foiled as the ball bobbled as they took aim.

At the other end, the ball spent much of the goalless first half out of play as the home team's attempts to get the ball on target went wildly wide.

Early in the second half Bridport were rewarded for a period of pressure with a penalty after Sam Tabner was brought down in the box. Tabner made no mistake from the spot.

Despite several good chances the visitors failed to score a second and were handed a further advantage when the Poppies' manager sent off one of his own players who was then summoned back from the dressing room to be sent off again by the referee!

Seemingly unfazed, the home team won a free kick out on the left wing in the last minute and sent their whole team including the keeper into the box.

Bridport failed to pick up all the players and could only watch as the ball was headed into the net for the equaliser.

Bridport Manager Terry Warren said: "It's desperately disappointing to lose two points so late in the game but we'll pick ourselves up for next week."

"On the positive side it was good to have Harry Craddock and Tanaka Mawoney back after illness and injury."

County progress for Ladies

BRIDPORT BOWLS CLUB

BRIDPORT Ladies are flying up the County League after a string of good results, the latest being a 50-40 win against EAST DORSET for six of the eight points.

Francis Hewett, Jan Tattershall, Pat Cornick & Margaret Clapp shot into a 20-2 lead after just nine ends, finally winning 30-15 while Pamela Daters, Liz Walker, Ann Turtell & Sue Walsh lost 20-25.

Sandra Hargett, Beryl Stork, Mel Hargett & Mike Fletcher were the only winning rink in Bridport's friendly against DORCHESTER (23-16).

Sylvia Fletcher, Erica Sarson, Brian Pratt & Phil Hedges, Nova Varney, Gerry Moss, Barbara Jenkins & Brian Baker, and Brian Parker, Peter Varney, Mary Hansford & Keith Jenkins going down

11-16, 11-21 and 10-17 respectively.

At SIDMOUTH Lyn and Peter Sandall, David Aylott & Mike Craddock came close to a win, their opponents scoring a three count on the final end to edge home 22-23.

The Hargett's Parker and Baker were taking a pasting, 3-28 down after 16 ends, but a fighting finish saw them claw it back to 13-28.

In the County Mixed League Bridport roared to an overall 99-66 win over the DOLPHIN (Poole).

Lyn Craddock, Liz Walker, Barry Mapson & Brian Rumble, and Viv Gill, Mike Craddock, and Sue & Brian Walsh recording fine 22-10 & 28-20 away wins.

Joan and Mel Griffiths, Ann Parkins & Brian Legg, and Erica Sarson, Brian Pratt and Laura & Bob Taylor winning at home 28-14 & 21-20 for maximum points.



◆ RALLY kings Rex Ireland from Axminster and Bridport's Adrian Scadding are hoping to make the same kind of start to the 2015 season as last year when they compete in the opening round of the BRDTA Rally on Saturday. Last year they completed an almost faultless run in the 44-mile long Wyedean Forest Rally in their 1977 Ford Escort and hope that they can do the same again around the route which will utilise the seldom used stages in the Forest of Dean and Lower Wye Valley.

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Lyme Regis Golf

Back nine bonanza

By Richard Jackman

IN the February medal the windy conditions affected many good golfers, but not so young Stuart Wight who kept his nerve on the back nine with four birdies to get this handicap back down to scratch.

This was a remarkable achievement from Stuart who has only been playing golf for less than four years. His net 72 was enough to win Division One from Andrew Dawe, net 73 and Brian Rees - 74.

However the best net score of the day went to Colin Baker in Division Two, whose no nonsense round earned him an excellent net 71 points, six shots clear of Brian Deem, 77 with Matthew Brotherton taking 3rd - net 79.

In the February seniors' stableford, Paul Galloway's gritty 39 points won Division One from Mike D Hankey - 37 and Peter Tinsley's 36.

40-point haul

Division Two had the highest score of the day as Paul Millard played some steady golf to earn 40 points, and a return to division one, with Dave Dallas just beating Bernie Porter, both 37 points, on countback.

The ladies enjoyed an 11-hole fun competition, none more so than Silver Division winner Caroline Baker, 22 points and Bronze Division winner Corinne Jones 24 points.

Ellie Langford 20 points and Lizzie Linert 21 points were runners up.

Horse Racing

Ugolin makes promising hurdles debut

UGOLIN DE BEAUMONT

made an impressive debut over hurdles at Exeter on Sunday, confirming trainer Bob Buckler's initial thoughts that the seven-year old could become one of the most promising prospects in the stable writes Stuart Broom.

His second place behind Sir Ivan in the Huge Cheltenham Offer At 32RedSport.com 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle over 2m3f showed that his talent is beginning to show through after finishing second in the bumper at Chepstow over the Christmas holidays behind the highly rated

Ghost River.

The 20/1 shot was held up in touch on the outside at Exeter before starting his challenge four out.

He had every chance with three to jump, and although staying on finished 21/4 lengths down on the winner.

Meanwhile, BALLYEGAN continued his impressive form with two more second placed finishes, meaning he has been placed 15 times in his 33 races to date.

Moving up to take second before the last in the 2m7f Haldon Handicap Hurdle at Exeter three

weeks ago, he was unable to make any impression on Aroseforoscar in the run in.

A change of tactics at Taunton last week saw him lead from the start in the 3m handicap hurdle, before being headed two out.

However, despite rallying to regain second, he could not overhaul The GeeGeez Geegee who won by 1½ lengths.

TINKER TIME failed to continue his excellent form at Exeter in the Cheltenham Day One Madness At 32Red Graduation Chase over 3m when he made a mistake at the 13th and finished last.

Bridport & District Darts

| Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| BSC | 15 | 26 |
| Knapp Inn | 15 | 20 |
| Robb Robbers | 15 | 19 |
| Nomads | 14 | 17 |
| Outsiders | 15 | 17 |
| Nags Head A | 15 | 14 |
| Hands of Time | 14 | 13 |
| Rubber Johns | 14 | 13 |
| It's in the Middle | 14 | 10 |
| The Hitmen | 14 | 8 |
| One for the Vikings | 15 | 3 |

180s leaders: Tony Young x6, Terry Prowse x5, Mark Fisher, Graham Knight, Ben Grainger & Steve Smith all x4, eight players x3.

| Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Young Darters | 13 | 23 |
| Dat Team | 14 | 20 |
| Elders | 14 | 19 |
| Odds or Us | 13 | 17 |
| Les Miserables | 13 | 16 |
| Poachers | 13 | 13 |
| Royal Hawks | 13 | 9 |
| Anchor Vale Viewers | 13 | 7 |
| Flashes Fives | 13 | 5 |
| The Surgeons | 13 | 3 |

180s leaders: P.Rowley x4, Robin Townsend & Andy Reid both x3, Len Challis & Simon Warry both x2, five players x1.

| Division Three | Pld | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Otter Rotters | 15 | 21 |
| Midnight Runners | 15 | 19 |
| Time Bombs | 14 | 17 |
| Inbetweens | 13 | 16 |
| Mis Fit | 14 | 16 |
| Anchor Five | 13 | 15 |
| Only Just | 15 | 10 |
| Odds & Sods | 12 | 8 |
| The Royal Nuts | 13 | 7 |
| Tip Top Odds | 12 | 7 |

180s leaders: Chris Eaton x3, Paul Bearpark & Andre Reynolds both x2, seven players x1.

| Division Four | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Robbie's Rebels | 14 | 20 |
| No Direction | 13 | 18 |
| Tiger Bees | 13 | 18 |
| Sorted Odds | 15 | 17 |
| Dodgers | 13 | 16 |
| Whamo | 14 | 15 |
| Con Artists | 12 | 11 |
| Red Arrows | 14 | 8 |
| Money Shotz Mafia | 14 | 7 |
| Mozzies Heroes | 14 | 6 |

180s leaders: Billy Hallett, Paul Norman, Dan Rawlings, Bob Rendell & Andy Page (all x1).

| Ladies Division One | Pld | Pts |
|--|--------|-----|
| Tender Trap | 18 | 34 |
| Anchor Aces | 18 | 26 |
| Clocking In | 18 | 26 |
| Knight 'n' Gals | 18 | 20 |
| Against the Odds | 18 | 16 |
| Queen Bees | 18 | 14 |
| Queens of the Club | 18 | 4 |
| Cliff Hangers | 18 | 4 |
| Dawe & Sarah Chick | all x3 | |
| Sharon Poole, Liz Vowells & Sue Violet | all x1 | |

| Ladies Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Castaways | 16 | 25 |
| Sue's Rebels | 16 | 24 |
| Tracey's Tarts | 16 | 22 |
| Next Door | 16 | 18 |
| Wildcats | 16 | 14 |
| Good Mates | 16 | 14 |
| Tiger Stripes | 15 | 10 |
| Anchor's Aweigh | 15 | 10 |
| Charlie's Angels | 16 | 5 |

180s leaders: L.Sweet x1

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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Terras sunk by second half horror show

Poole Town 4 Weymouth 0
Southern League Prem - att: 1,249
WEYMOUTH'S poor run continued as they were thrashed by Poole Town on Saturday.

Weymouth came into the game off two home wins that had seen them regain top spot by a point, whilst Poole, with three games in hand, had scored 13 goals in their previous three game unbeaten run. Something had to give but it was still poised delicately at halftime with the game scoreless.

The first half was fairly even although Poole created the most chances, the best falling to Joe Quigley who headed wide from Steve Devlin's deep corner.

The second half started with a bang when from another Devlin corner the Terras managed to scramble away Marvin Brooks' firm header from on the line. Dolphins

by Stuart Broom
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skipper James Whisken then drove his shot just wide after another goalmouth melee.

Poole deservedly took the lead on 62 minutes from the penalty spot after Ben Close was felled by Ashley Wells' clumsy tackle. Devlin delivered from the spot.

Minutes later Weymouth claimed a penalty when Adam Kelly went down under pressure from two defenders but referee Matthew Daniels ignored the Terras plea.

Kelly then volleyed past the post whilst at the other end player-manager Jason Matthews saved former teammate Luke Burbidge's shot with his feet.

Dolphins then swopped out Lewis Lindsay for veteran striker

Richard Gillespie, and he immediately made his presence felt, tapping in after Michael Walker's shot had been blocked.

Weymouth were now fighting a rearguard action as Poole stormed forward, they added a third with four minutes left when Burbidge cut inside before firing low into the corner.

In added time they added a fourth when Gillespie squeezed his header beyond Matthews. This was almost total annihilation with Weymouth managing only one shot on goal and did not force one corner.

As a result Poole returned to the top, three points clear of their arch rivals with three games in hand.

The Terras now turn their attention to Saturday's home fixture with Redditch United but their title hopes appear to beinning to fade.



◆ BUDMOUTH D: (from left) Ethan Gear, Will Jolliffe and Eddie Knell who beat Springfield A last week to reach the semi-finals of the Weymouth & District Table Tennis League handicap Cup.

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